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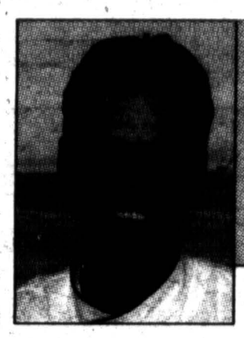

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Thunderbird Bookshop to shut its doors

By PAUL MILLER

THE INTERNET claimed its biggest casualty among local retailers this week when May Waldroup announced she would close her beloved Thunderbird Bookshop at The Barnyard Shopping Village by the end of next month.

"One eye is smiling, but the other has a tear in it," said Waldroup, 75, as she manned the bookstore's sales counter Thursday.

During her 33 years of ownership, The Thunderbird functioned as a kind of community center for the mouth of Carmel Valley, with its frequent booksignings, dinners and informal gatherings of lovers of the printed word.

"It was much more than a bookstore, and it was all due to May," said Margot Petit Nichols, who wrote a local book column for The Pine Cone from 1997 to 2004, frequently drawing on Waldroup's insight and expertise. "May had a great staff, but she was the brains behind the thing."

"To be involved in the community, and the excitement of all the new books every season, it was the best job I could have had — and in Carmel, holy cow, everybody should have so much luck,"

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City wants Flanders suit thrown out

By MARY BROWNFIELD

HOPING TO get the lawsuit against it dismissed on a technicality, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea filed a "motion for order quashing petition" last month, alleging the Flanders Foundation violated the law by allowing its president to personally serve the complaint, which aims to halt the sale of the historic Flanders Mansion.

"The law is very clear that a party to a lawsuit can't serve the lawsuit," said attorney Bill Conners.

In a hearing set for Jan. 20 in Monterey County Superior Court, Conners plans to argue that Melanie Billig, as president of the nonprofit Flanders Foundation, is a party to the suit.

"And if that's the case, then service of the petition would be invalid," he said.

According to law, complaints filed in court alleging violations of the California Environmental Quality Act must be served within 10 days. The Flanders Foundation filed its case against the city Nov. 3, after the Carmel City Council voted to sell the mansion Sept. 22 and adopted findings backing that decision Oct. 4.

"If the petition service was invalid, then they didn't comply with the 10-day filing requirement, obviously," Conners said.

But whether a ruling in the city's favor on the motion would result in the outright dismissal of the case is unclear.

"That's an area of law that's unsettled right now," Conners said. "But it's something the city would certainly pursue."

A recent appeals court decision in Riverside County could weigh against the city. In that case, judges voted 2-1 that serving a complaint late would be OK if the tardiness caused no harm to the defendants, Conners said.

"But the questions are: How late? And what

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Tree karate-chops house on Dolores

PHOTO/COURTESY HARRY-JOE

When a series of windy rainstorms rolled through the Peninsula New Year's weekend, the usual damage to pines resulted, including the collapse of a giant specimen early Saturday onto a home at the north end of Dolores Street, just outside the Carmel city limits. Neighbor Harry Joe said the home's occupants were rudely awakened, but apparently not hurt, when the tree fell at about 6 a.m.

Wanted: New executive director who digs the Esalen thing

By CHRIS COUNTS

THERE ARE many places to work in this world that qualify as interesting and challenging, but perhaps none offers quite as stunning and colorful a backdrop as Big Sur's Esalen Institute.

From breakthroughs in humanistic psychology to creative international diplomacy, the famous "human potential center" has boldly gone where few institutions ever dream of traveling.

Yet for all its ambition, the nonprofit organization and picturesque hot springs resort has often lacked the leadership to match its vision.

So last week, Esalen tried something new: taking out a classified advertisement in a local newspaper to recruit a new executive director.

"Typically, we do a national search and skip over our own county," explained Gordon Wheeler, president of Esalen's board of directors.

But sandwiched between an ad for a cab driver and another for a file clerk, the notice from Esalen states the availability of the position and refers applicants to a website and e-mail address.

If anything, the announcement is surprisingly ordinary. But it is clear the job Wheeler is seeking to fill is anything but ordinary.

"It's a wonderfully creative opportunity for a manager," he explained. "We offer 600 workshops a year. More than 15,000 people visit Esalen annually. And we have 150 employees."

In the beginning

But the numbers only begin to tell Esalen's story. According to historian Jeff Norman, the former Slate's Hot Springs was probably the site of Big Sur's first tourist-oriented business. Thomas Slate — severely afflicted by arthritis — first visited the hot springs in the 1870s, eventually purchasing the property and opening a resort.

The resort was alternately known as Slate's and Big Sur Hot Springs until Michael Murphy, a Salinas native and Stanford graduate with an interest in Eastern religion, took over the business of operating the hot springs in 1961. With the help of a close friend, Richard Price, Murphy began marketing the resort as a workshop center, eventually renaming it the Esalen Institute in honor of a Native American tribe, the Esselen, who once lived near the hot springs.

Esalen quickly gained a reputation as a countercultural mecca, and the media often portrayed it as a haven for sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Esalen in the 1960s was, by most accounts, an incredibly dynamic but somewhat chaotic place where some of the world's great minds mingled with scantily clad pop stars and weekend thrill-seekers.

Thirty-five years later, Esalen is a much more subdued place. While many guests are still drawn by its heady curriculum, others come for its sulfur springs, which flow out of the ground at a temperature of about 119 degrees.

El Niño storms in 1998 caused mud

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Scout's project honors kids and native plants

PHOTO/LAURIE FANNIN

Eagle Scout hopeful Jonathan Post (front row, with head scarf) needed lots of wood chips and plenty of help to complete an ambitious landscaping project at River School. He got both. See page 18A.

No challengers file for April election

But Dogman may run

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL MAYOR Sue McCloud and city councilman Gerard Rose pulled their nomination papers from city hall Thursday, officially declaring their intentions to run for reelection April 11, and a man called "Dogman McBill" picked up papers the day the filing period opened last month, according to city clerk Heidi Burch. City councilwoman Paula Hazdovac has not yet taken out papers but has announced her plans to run again.

Only one week remains before the filing period closes Jan. 13 at 5 p.m., when nomination papers are due.

To run for mayor or city council, a candidate must live within the city limits of Carmel-by-the-Sea and be a registered voter — information that is verified by

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Meg's Health Notes

Presented by
Meg Parker Conners, R.N.

A STUDY OF AGE-RELATED HEARING LOSS

Thanks to a grant provided by the National Institute on Aging, researchers at the University of Michigan Health System will conduct three studies designed to uncover the cause of age-related hearing loss. This is welcome news to anyone concerned about hearing loss and its potential to induce a sense of isolation and depression in the elderly. An estimated 44% of people suffer from significant hearing loss by the time they reach age 69. Sixty-six percent experience damaged hearing by age 79, and 90% by age 80. The studies will investigate the potential effects of antioxidants on the inner ear; the role of stress pathways in hearing loss; and genetic, cellular, and hormonal factors that affect hearing as we age.

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Meg Parker Conners is an RN and owner of Victorian Health Care Services, Victorian Residential Care Homes and Help-at-Home, a domestic referral service here in Monterey. For assistance, call 655-1935.

Rain, wind fail to intimidate resolution runners

By MARY BROWNFIELD

HUNDREDS OF stalwart men, women and children earned the right to place a checkmark next to a New Year's resolution even before the first day of 2006 drew to an end.

Despite rain, wind and a morning chill, almost 900 people rolled out of bed to participate in the 16th annual Rio Resolution Run, which raised an estimated $35,000 for Suicide Prevention Service of the Central Coast.

Race coordinator Julie Ann Lozano breathed a sigh of relief as runners and walkers, some accompanied by dogs or kid-filled strollers, arrived. Preregistration was its lowest ever, with just 363 people signing up before race day.

"I was literally on hands and knees the night before, praying for at least 300 runners to show up," she said.

But almost 700 more registered on race day, and "we had just under 900 cross the finish line. I was never so happy to see a crowd first thing in the morning," Lozano said.

While winter rain is hardly rare during the annual event, which features a 3-mile fun run and a 6.5-mile race, Lozano took dozens of calls during the preceding week from people who wondered if storms would force its cancellation.

"Unless there's a hurricane or something, this thing has to happen," she said, because Suicide Prevention Service counts on the cash.

And the adversity of a rainy-day race comes with its own rewards.

"I think I've had more fun in the rain than when it's shiny and bright," she said, "because people seem to be a little more forgiving when little things go wrong."

College kids on the run

Among Sunday's soggy athletes were 18 members of the UC San Diego cross-country team. Former Carmel High School runners Gabe LaMothe and Carl Lostrom invited their teammates to spend New Year's on the Monterey Peninsula and compete in the race the two have run "for as long as I can remember," Lozano said.

She marveled that college students would opt to spend the busiest party night of the year camping out in sleeping bags in a few Peninsula homes and then rise early the next morning to run in the rain.

"They all registered and came out and had a lot of fun with it," she said.

Competing in the short race, Lostrom placed first in his age division (19 to 29) and second overall, with an average pace of 5:17 per mile. LaMothe finished fifth in his age division (13 to 18) and eighth overall, averaging 5:43 per mile. The 3-mile-race winner was 18-year-old Nicholas Shea of Carmel, who averaged 5:15 per mile.

In the longer run, 29-year-old John Mentzer won with a time of 33:12, setting the quick per-mile pace of 5:06. The second-place finisher, Kent Booi, averaged 22 seconds slower per mile and crossed the finish line in 35:33.

The top three finishers in each age and gender category for each race received awards. (For complete results, visit www.buzzwordproductions.com.)

Post-race refueling

Afterward, many runners and their families packed the indoor mall at the Crossroads Shopping Village for the run's signature eggs-and-pancake breakfast provided by the Rio Grill and prepared by members of the Kiwanis Club of Monterey.

At least 125 volunteers assisted in setup, operations and cleanup, according to Lozano. Kiwanians have supported the event since restaurateur Tony Tollner started it 16 years ago, and many mother-daughter teams from the National Charity League also helped.

Busy returning walkie-talkies borrowed from Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, donating leftover perishable foodstuffs to Meals on Wheels and taking care of other chores this week, Lozano said planning will soon get under way for next year's Rio Resolution Run, certain to be held in the same place at the same time, rain or shine.

"We'll start working on sponsorships and things by the end of this month," she said. This year's sponsors included KSBW, KWAV, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Magic 63, NetPIPE Internet Services, Children's Miracle Network, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Dominican Hospital, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, The Treadmill, My BMW-Porsche, NewStar, Odwalla, Palermo Bakery, Pepsi Co., Pure Water, Pebble Beach Co., Pacific Printers, Taylor Farms, Monterey County Bank, Natural Selection Foods, Robert Torrey, DBO Development and Mills Inc.

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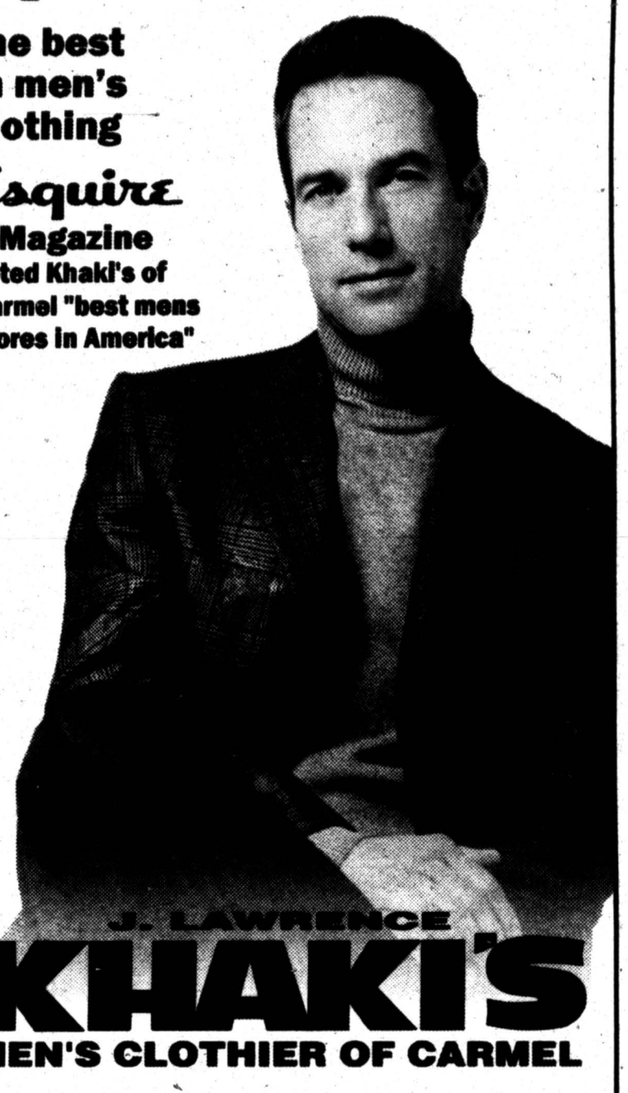
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Passersby on Scenic use CPR to save woman whose heart stopped

By MARY BROWNFIELD

AN OFF-DUTY fire captain and a man for his morning jog helped save the life a woman who apparently suffered a heart ck while running along Scenic Road late sday morning.

'I was looking at the big waves, and there s a large group of people, and someone e over and asked, 'Are you CPR certi-?'" recalled John Kerby-Miller, a part- Carmel resident who runs a loop around n and the point each morning. "I said, s,' and he said, 'We have someone over e with no pulse.'"

He rushed to render aid to the stricken man and found off-duty Cypress Fire Captain Charles Bloxham III already administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. With Kerby-Miller doing chest compression, the men worked together several minutes until a Cypress Fire engine crew arrived.

Firefighters hooked the woman to a defibrillator and successfully shocked her quivering heart back into rhythm, Cypress Fire Captain Dan Frost said.

"The thing to stress here is the importance of CPR from the time the person goes down, to the time the fire department gets on scene," he added. Without it, a victim's blood does not circulate, causing cells to die from lack of oxygen. "Every minute without CPR decreases a person's chances of coming back," and four or five minutes without circulation can lead to permanent brain damage and physical disabilities even if the person regains vital signs.

Frost did not know the woman's name, age or condition but said he was optimistic about her chances of recovery. After a Westmed Ambulance took her to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for treatment, she was moved to a Northern California hospital, according to Frost. She and her husband live in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Now in his 70s and a U.S. Army and National Guard veteran, Kerby-Miller said he learned CPR more than three decades ago and re-certifies each year. He's twice done the Heimlich maneuver on choking victims but had never before used his CPR skills in an emergency.

"You do what you've got to do, and I never hesitate to step in and help. Maybe that's the way I am," he said.

Mary Hill, health and safety director for the Carmel chapter of the American Red Cross, said the nonprofit offers monthly classes in lifesaving. Upcoming courses include Jan. 21 (first aid and adult CPR), Jan. 28 (adult CPR with automated external defibrillator), and weeknights Feb. 6-8 in adult CPR, infant/child CPR and basic first aid. In addition, the Red Cross will offer its annual free "CPR Saturday" March 11. Preregistration is required for all courses. For more information, call (831) 624-6921.

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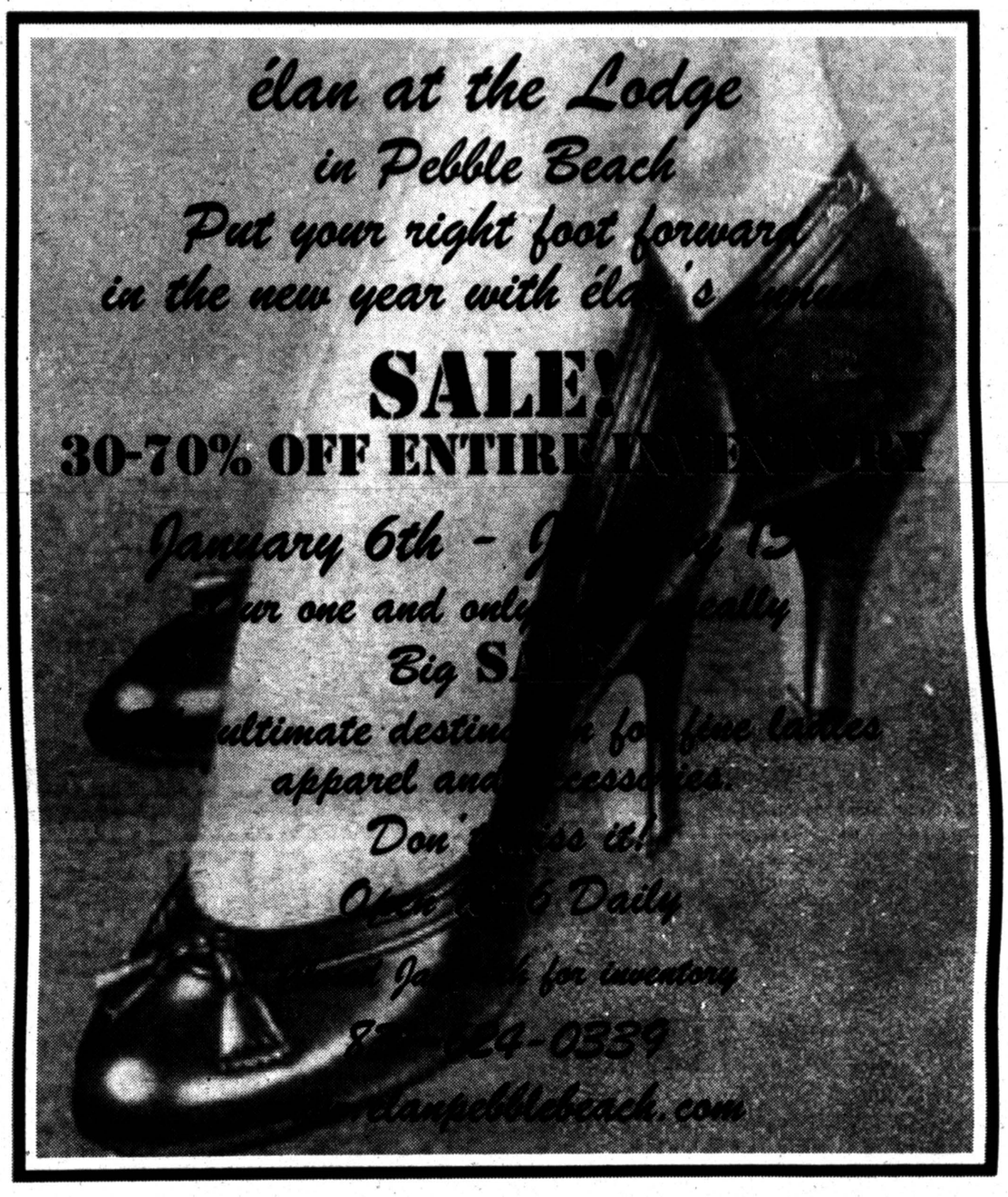
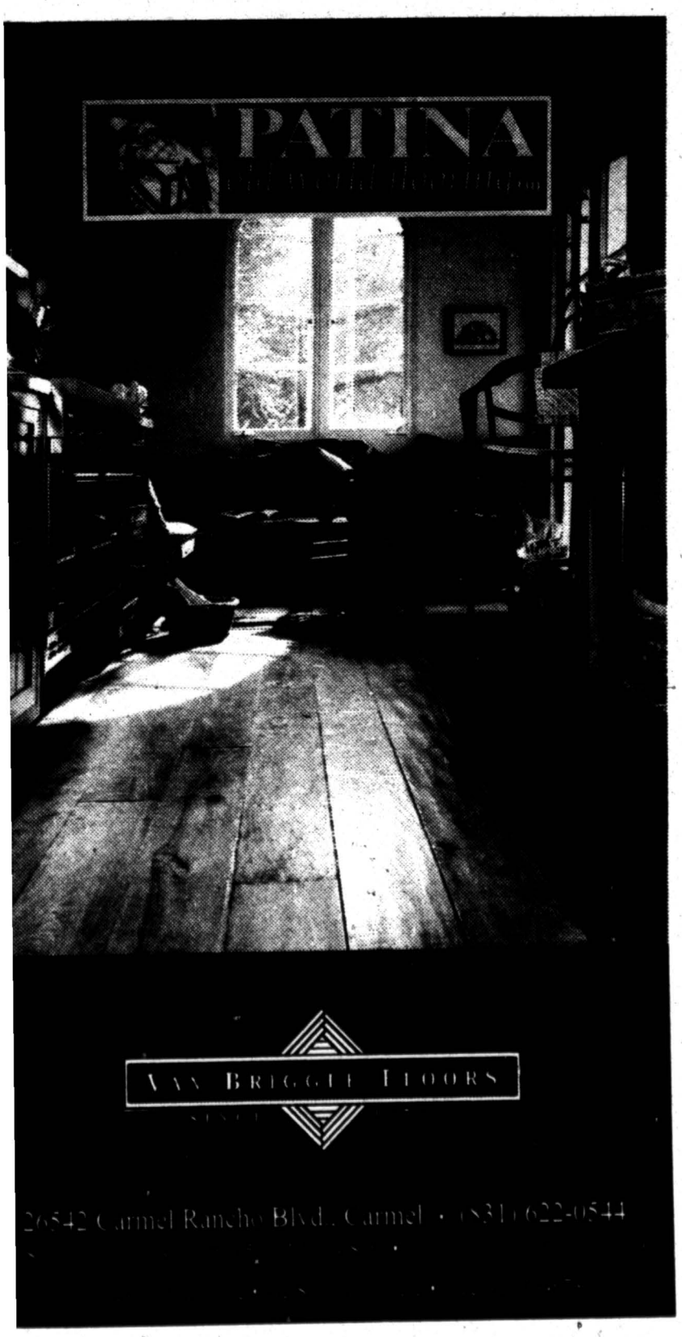
WITH APRIL 15 just three months away, nonprofit Alliance on Aging hopes gen- us, tax-savvy folks with a little spare time l volunteer their services in King City for Senior Tax Counseling program. Officials n the Internal Revenue Service and the ifornia Franchise Tax Board will bring volunteers up to speed on the latest rules and regulations so they can help seniors prepare their tax returns for free. The program runs Feb. 1 to April 15.

For more information or to volunteer, call Rochelle Dolan at (831) 655-4241 or Jim Cromarty at (831) 385-0557.





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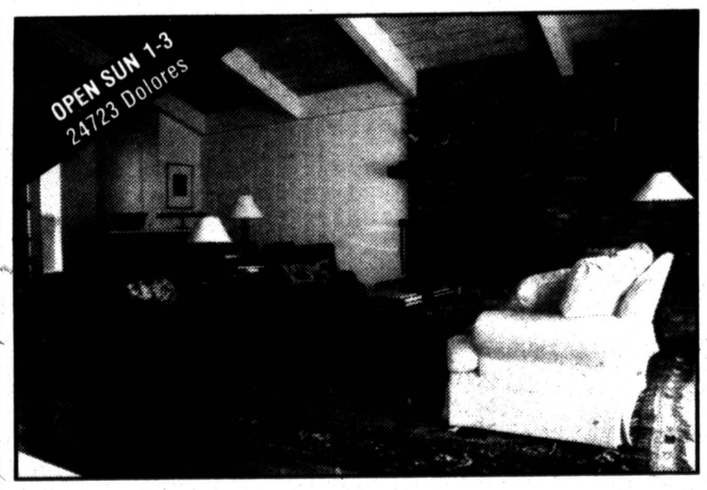

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Police, Fire & Sheriff's Log

Pine cone vs. car — pine cone wins

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Brownfield.

CHRISTMAS

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported her vehicle was struck and damaged by unknown while parked on the north side of Fourth Avenue. Report for insurance documentation purposes.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to reported smoke investigation at the apartments at Mission and Fifth. Both units at scene. No smoke in the area. Investigated and found a normal operating fire place producing smoke into the courtyard area. No hazards were found.

Carmel area: A skateboard was found abandoned in the parking lot of Carmel High School. The skateboard will be held for 90 days pending notification of owner. Case continues for 90 days.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Two juveniles were observed on Scenic Road past 0000 hours. Upon contact, it was discovered that both were under the age of 18. Parents were notified, and one came to the scene to pick up his son. The other juvenile, with parental permission, drove home after the incident. Warnings were given to the juveniles, and the curfew law was explained to the parents. The parents were not aware of where their children were.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female reported losing her watch in the business district on Dec. 24.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Grand theft of property from a San Carlos Street residence under renovation. Laptop computers and other items taken, for a total value of $2,100. No suspect information.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmel P.D. received a call of a missing female adult. She was located in her hotel room on Monte Verde Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citation issued to a driver on Junipero Street for violation of the California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported tree into wires at San Antonio and Second. On scene, crews found a 50-foot-tall cypress tree that was leaning along with a power pole due to soft, water-saturated soil at the edge of the roadway. Crews secured the area with flagging, PG&E was notified by FireComm, and the city's forester was notified by Carmel P.D. dispatch.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Off-duty fire department volunteer reported a possible coastal inci-

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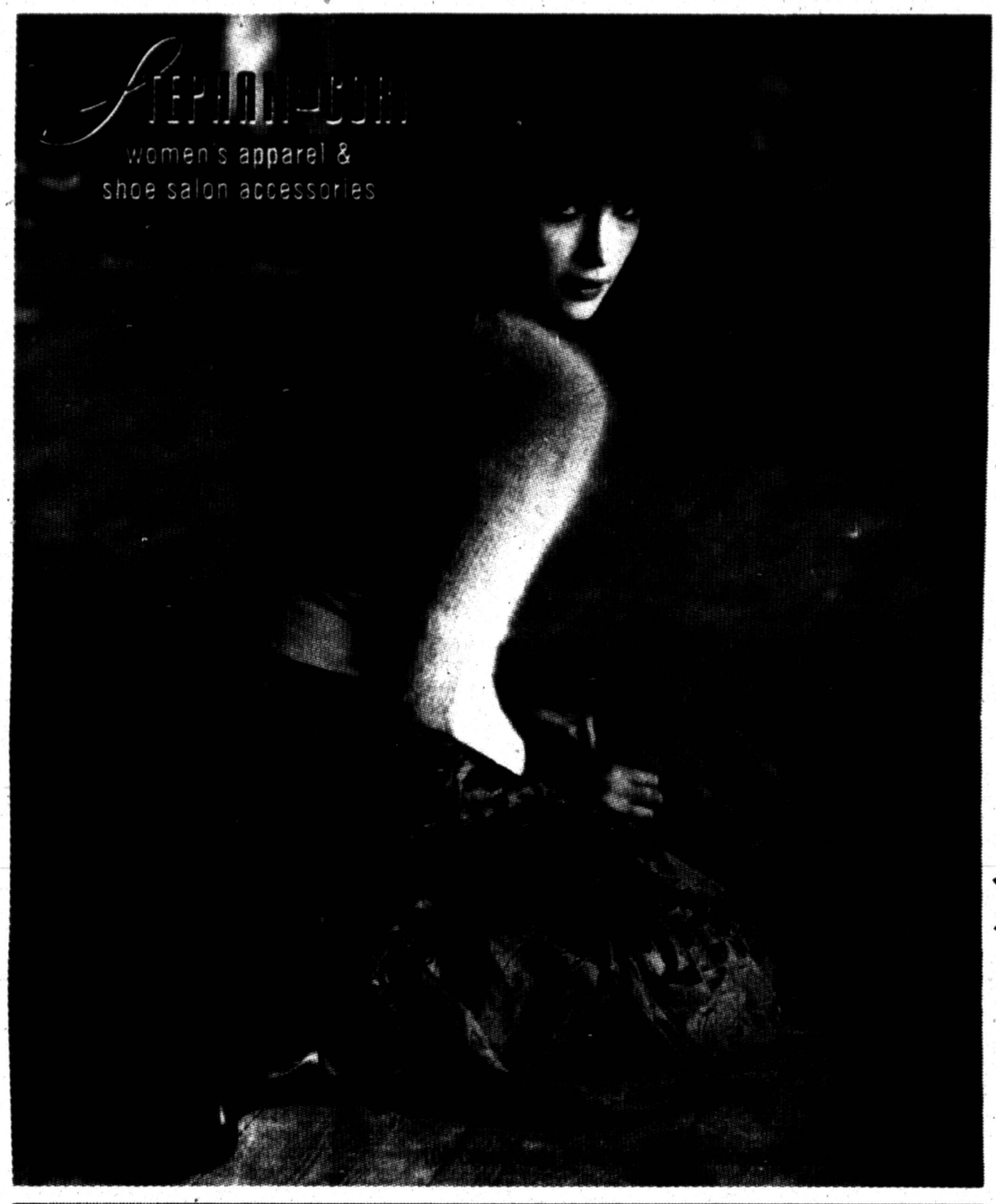
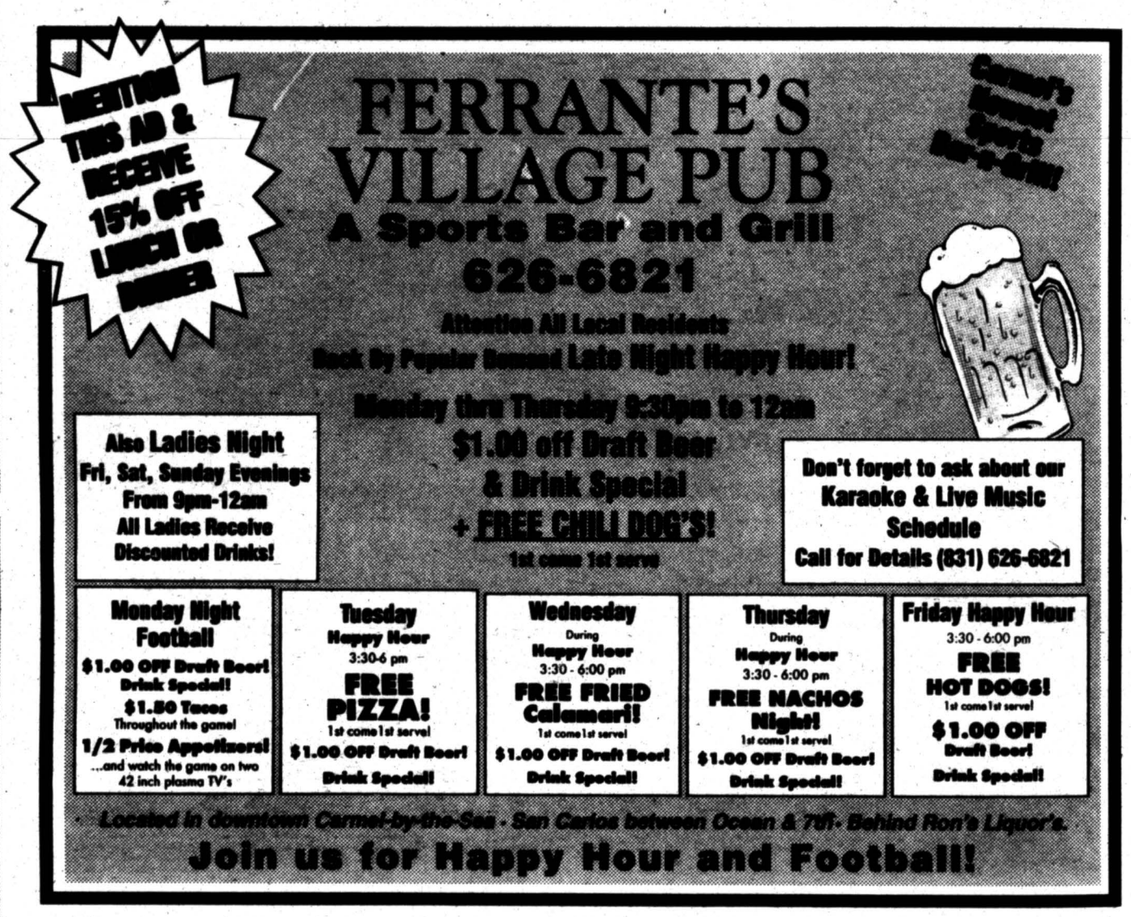
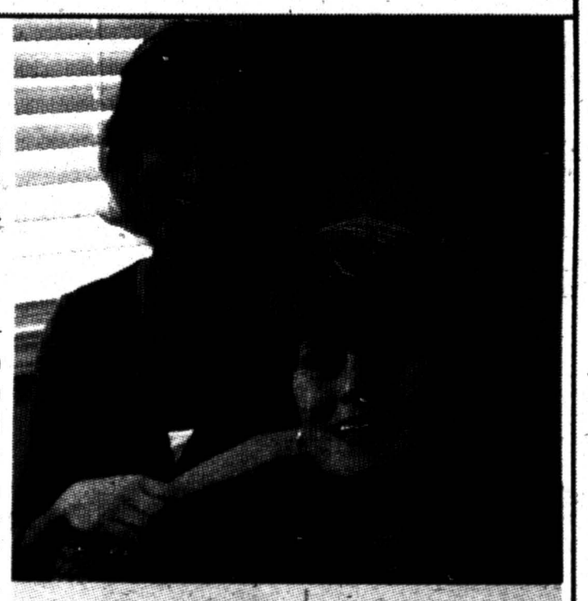




Paying Too Much in Taxes?



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Grand jury says government makes it too hard for citizens to participate

By MARY BROWNFIELD

ACTING ON complaints from an known number of residents and former nployees of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, e 2005 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury vestigated alleged secrecy in the city's gov-nment. The report released Jan. 3 revealed violations at Carmel City Hall of the own Act, which dictates how government siness is conducted in public, but included veral suggestions regarding how cities oughout the county could "create an envi-nment where topics or concerns can be ought forward for open discussion with a gher level of visibility an accountability: in ect, a more open government."

A subcommittee of the 19-member civil and jury interviewed people who com-ined about an "an alleged inaccessibility [Carmel's] elected officials to participate open debate and timely resolution of ues," lack of communication with the pub-, and human resource issues following rmel's budget-related layoffs of 2004.

Members also questioned city staff, coun-members and the mayor, and observed veral council meetings. While they used on Carmel, "the objective was to prove the process, as opposed to singling any city for criticism," according to the ort, and members attended council meetings throughout the Peninsula.

The grand jury, whose report is non-binding, concluded "a pattern of obstacles exist that make it difficult to schedule, discuss, document for the record and gain appropriate resolution of topics or issues presented by the public." Jurors cited a lack of clarity regarding who follows up on the comments and decides whether a topic should be addressed by the council. Although all cities have published procedures and forms the public can use to place an item on an agenda, jurors found, "Over-control of this process by mayors is not in the public interest."

Should all 'public comments' be assigned to a councilmember for followup?

To create more open government, issues raised by the public should be included on agendas, discussed, documented and assigned to a city council member for followup, according to the report. A written public record of unresolved items, their status and the contact people should be provided, and the forms and procedures for placing an item on an agenda should be available at council meetings.

"We've tried to open up government considerably," responded Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud, including televising meetings and posting agendas at the post office. As far as topics are concerned, she said the council routinely reviews a project status report detailing work in progress.

"You have to stay focused on what you're trying to accomplish, particularly in a city as small as this and with a staff as small as we have," she said.

City administrator Rich Guillen, who has worked in government for 27 years, also said Carmel makes an effort to be accessible. He objected to the suggestion a council member be assigned to followup on issues raised during public comment.

"We have professional staff on board to take care of those items," he said.

As for mayors controlling what's placed on agendas, Guillen said he, the city clerk, the mayor and the mayor pro-tem all determine what should be heard. That does not guarantee every request will be honored, Guillen said, as some matters are simply not appropriate for the council to consider.

"There's always room for improvement, and I will take a look and see how we can address these findings and recommendations," Guillen said. "But I think we're completely open."

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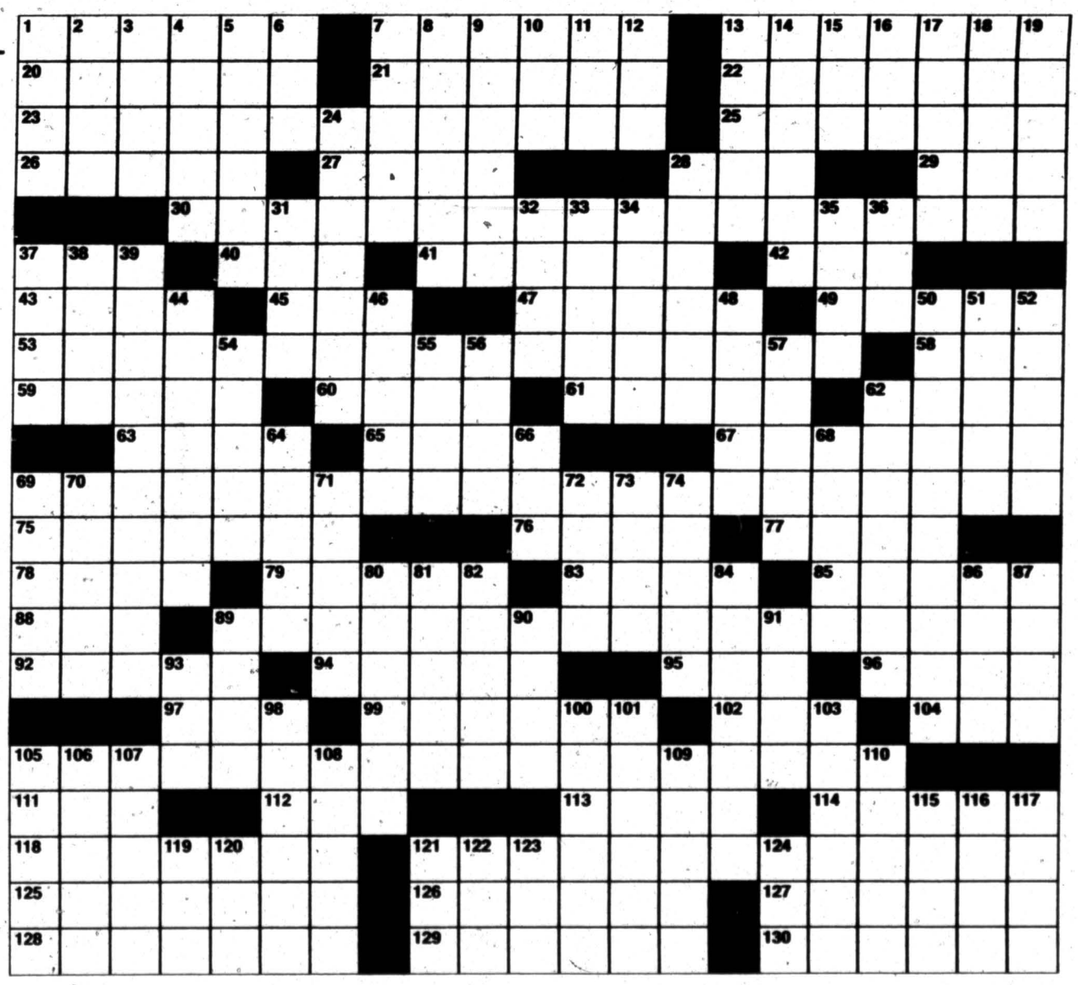

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9 "The Professor: A Tale" novelist
10 Turned on
11 Clown's foot spec, maybe
12 Cable alternative
13 Wisconsin college town
14 Egyptian god of the universe
15 Mid-millennium year
16 Curse
17 Walled city near Madrid
18 Contents of lamps, maybe
19 Just beat
24 Played pat-a-cake
28 Blue
31 Secure
32 ___ mgr.
33 Actor Atkinson, player of Mr. Bean
34 "The Faerie Queene" character
35 Faerie land
36 One of TV's Ewings
37 Work units
38 Go wild
39 Opening-night celebration
44 Md. town near Baltimore
46 Reject
48 Fairy tale character
50 "O.K. by me"
51 TV journalist David
52 Minute
54 PC character system
55 Slate, e.g.
56 Put ___ on (go for at auction)
57 ___ directed
62 "It's about time!"
64 Bit of evidence
66 Frequent English football score
68 Late name in rap
69 Toy on a track
70 Online shoppers might use it
71 Unsuitable
72 Gen. ___ E. Lee
73 Old draft category
74 ___ Buena, Calif.
80 Came home dusty?
81 "Put it here," basically
82 Prefix with nitrile
84 Farm plant also called lucerne
86 To be over there?
87 Mother of Hades
89 Country name
90 Place at the start
91 Pin holder
93 .001 inch
98 "Ri-i-i-i-ight!"
100 City connected to the Sunshine Skyway Br.
101 Nickname of baseball's Leo Durocher
103 Hibachi chef's pride
105 1969 Hoffman role
106 Novelist Canin
107 Senior Tour golfer Calvin
108 Bright
109 Someone ___ problem
110 Dodge
115 Purim month
116 Denier's comment
117 Hot
119 Queen ___
120 Across the street from: Abbr.
121 N.F.L. ball carriers
122 "That's gross!"
123 School opening?
124 The Fighting Tigers, for short

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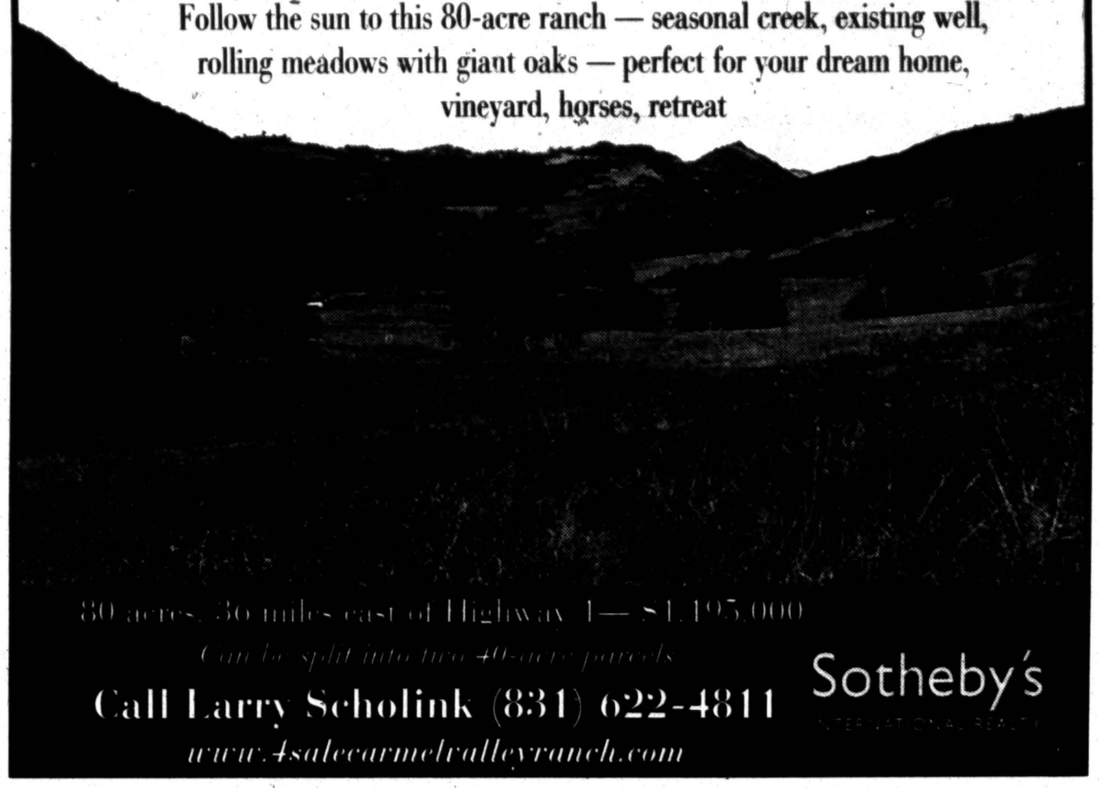

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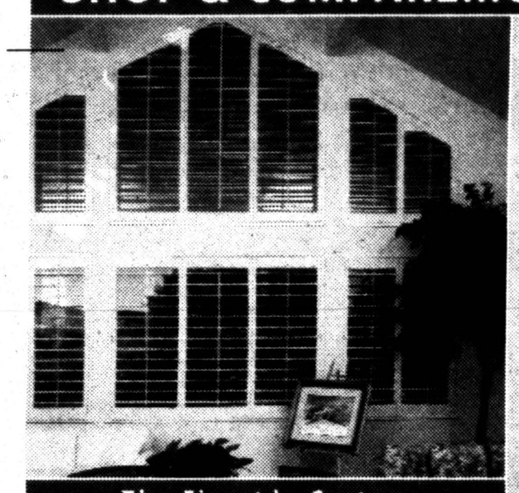

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From page 4A

dent after contacting a female subject who was concerned about her son. Fire engine, ambulance, battalion chief and police officers responded to Ocean and Scenic. As no one could be found in the Del Mar area, an engineer was dropped off to secure the ATV, and the engine and ambulance responded to Scenic and Eighth. The volunteer firefighter entered the water to assist with the rescue. Two juvenile swimmers were noted to be in the water and unable to get back in. A rescue situation was confirmed by Scenic Command, and a full coastal incident was dispatched. Prior to deployment of the state parks watercraft, the distressed swimmers were assisted to shore by a group of surfers. A total of four patients who had been in the water were assessed and released by ambulance personnel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a reported medical emergency on Carmelo Street. On scene, there was no medical. An elderly male was assisted back to his feet after slipping to the kitchen floor, uninjured.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to a request by the P.D. to gain entry to a motel room to check on the welfare of a female. At scene, the P.D. already made entry. The paramedic checked out the patient and had her sign a medical release form.

Carmel Valley: A 38-year-old female Paso Cresta resident reported her ex-husband did not return their two children at 0900 ours as agreed upon.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Eleven citations issued to drivers for various California Vehicle Code violations on Carpenter Street, 13th Avenue, Mission Street, San Antonio Avenue and Second Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person called indicating a subject on San Carlos Street was in possession of an unregistered assault rifle. The subject was contacted, and the weapon was registered. It appeared that the reporting party and the subject's daughter are having marital problems. The RP was leaving annoying messages on the subject's home answering machine. The first call was on Friday, Dec. 23, and the second call was on Monday, Dec. 26. The RP was initially asking for assistance and followed up by using expletives denouncing the subject and his wife. The second call involved the threat of exposing the subject concerning his assault rifle. The RP and the subject were counseled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party from a hotel room called in regards to a subject refusing to leave a room on San Carlos Street. Upon arrival, contact was made with the occupant of the room. This subject was in the process of packing her luggage and leaving. A taxi cab was summoned per her request. The subject was becoming argumentative about leaving the premises with the cab driver in question. The subject did comply and left shortly thereafter. Hotel management indicated she stayed for a total of four nights but only paid for two. Management did not wish to prosecute or seek civil restitution for the unpaid nights.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party called in regards to losing a ring. The ring was lost sometime during the month of June.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambu-

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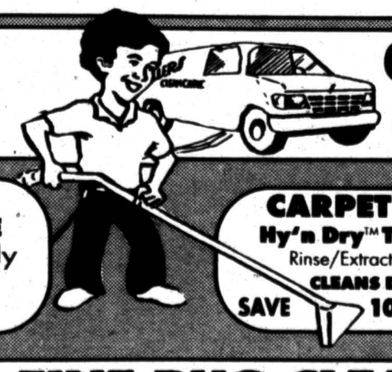

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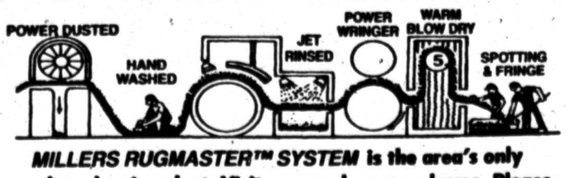

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Carmel Valley

Ranger forgoes leisurely retirement, chooses to fight weeds

By CHRIS COUNTS

SOME FOLKS retire to Florida or Arizona. Others buy recreational vehicle and drive off into the sunset. Dave Dixon, though, is planning to celebrate his retirement as a California State Parks ranger by staying right where he is.

Dixon — who is currently working on the Carmel River Lagoon enhancement project — officially retired Dec. 30. Three days later, he started a new job working for state parks as an environmental scientist on the same project.

"It's my dream job," explained Dixon, who has worked in the Monterey district since 1985. "I remember back in 1995 when I said to state parks planner Ken Gray, 'Wouldn't it be cool to extend the end of the lagoon?' And he said, 'Yes, but that would take a lot of money.'"

Dixon or Gray didn't realize it at the time, but events were already in motion that would lead to the undertaking of such an ambitious project. Severe winter and spring storms in the 1990s had such a devastating effect on the artichoke fields south of Carmel River that the Odello family closed down a farming operation they had run since 1924. The Odellos sold 155 acres to state parks in 1975, but continued to lease the land until the same storms that washed away the Carmel River Bridge flooded their fields.

"The state was faced with the question, 'What do we do now?'" recalled Dixon. "The idea of extending the lagoon just caught fire."

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State parks environmental scientist Dave Dixon checks the progress of native seedlings for the Carmel River Lagoon expansion project.

An expensive body of water

Completion of the Carmel River Lagoon expansion project will cost an estimated $5 million. The California State Legislature approved $4 million from the state general fund for the project in June 2001. It received $225,000 from Proposition 40, a legislative bond act approved by voters in 2002. Along the way, the project also received a boost from a variety of agencies and organizations, including Caltrans and the Big Sur Land Trust.

Dixon marveled at the interest in a project he once considered beyond his dreams.

"A century ago, the idea would have been considered revolutionary," he said.

In summer 2004, state parks began the construction phase of the project, significantly expanding the old lagoon by excavating a new channel on the former Odello farmland and returning the lagoon to some semblance of its appearance before the arrival of European settlers more than two centuries ago. According to Dixon, bulldozers excavated nearly 1 million cubic yards of soil.

A war between native plants and their more aggressive cousins from other continents

"It was quite an engineering feat," said Dixon.

In February 2005, state parks started the revegetation phase of the project, sinking hundreds of willow cuttings into the soft muddy banks adjacent to the lagoon.

But now comes perhaps the most challenging part of the project. In what is essentially a battle of wills, state park workers are locked in a race to reestablish native plant communities before they are overwhelmed by invasive, non-native plants. With so much soil disturbed by construction, the lagoon is essentially a botanical version of the Wild West.

"All the genetic material sees the open space and says, 'Let's go,'" Dixon said. "Bermuda buttercup is flourishing out there. The poison hemlock is more than 8 feet tall."

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Gallery openings: Plein air painters come in from the cold

By CHRIS COUNTS

ARTISTS, PARTICULARLY those who like to paint outdoors, tend to be solitary souls. So it comes as a bit of a surprise that 40 mostly local artists have come together to form the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association.

The Robert Lewis Gallery in Pacific Grove will host the fledging organization's first group exhibit, which opens with a reception Friday, Jan. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. According to Lewis, the collection of plein air painters is the largest to form on the Monterey Peninsula since the heyday of the California Impressionist movement in the 1920s.

Lewis, who is a member of the group, said painting outdoors isn't as easy as it looks.

"Everybody has this image of a guy painting on the edge of a cliff," Lewis said. "Most people have no idea how difficult it is. Between the weather, the wind, the birds, the bugs, the moving sun and our own individual artistic problems, it's a real challenge."

The plein air exhibit will feature the works of 24 artists, including Cyndra Bradford, Johnny Apodaca, Erin Gafill and Lewis, who said the Monterey Peninsula has an artistic heritage that's unparalleled on the West Coast.

"We're claiming that legacy, and this is our first show," he said.

Lewis said the new organization is committed to offering group plein air shows and providing local art education with a special emphasis on reaching young people.

The show will be on display though Feb. 2. The gallery is located at 210 1/2 Forest Ave. For gallery hours and more information, call (831) 333-9046 or visit www.robertlewisgallery.com.

Seeking clarity in the fog

Whenever longtime artist Heidi Hybl is seeking artistic inspiration, all she needs to do is step outside the front door of her Palo Colorado Canyon home.

"I love the way the fog comes up and down the canyon," said Hybl, a longtime Big Sur resident who studied art at Monterey Peninsula College and UC Santa Cruz. "It does this dance. It's very ethereal and everchanging."

Fog and its relationship with the landscape play a key role in some of Hybl's most recent paintings, which will be on display at the Carmel Art Association through Jan. 31.

"I'm just this little entity in a big grand scheme," said Hybl of her role as an artist working against the backdrop of the Big Sur Coast. "I like to reduce things to their essential elements. "There's always some shape or atmospheric phenomenon that interests me. Some of them are real places and some of them are made-up places."

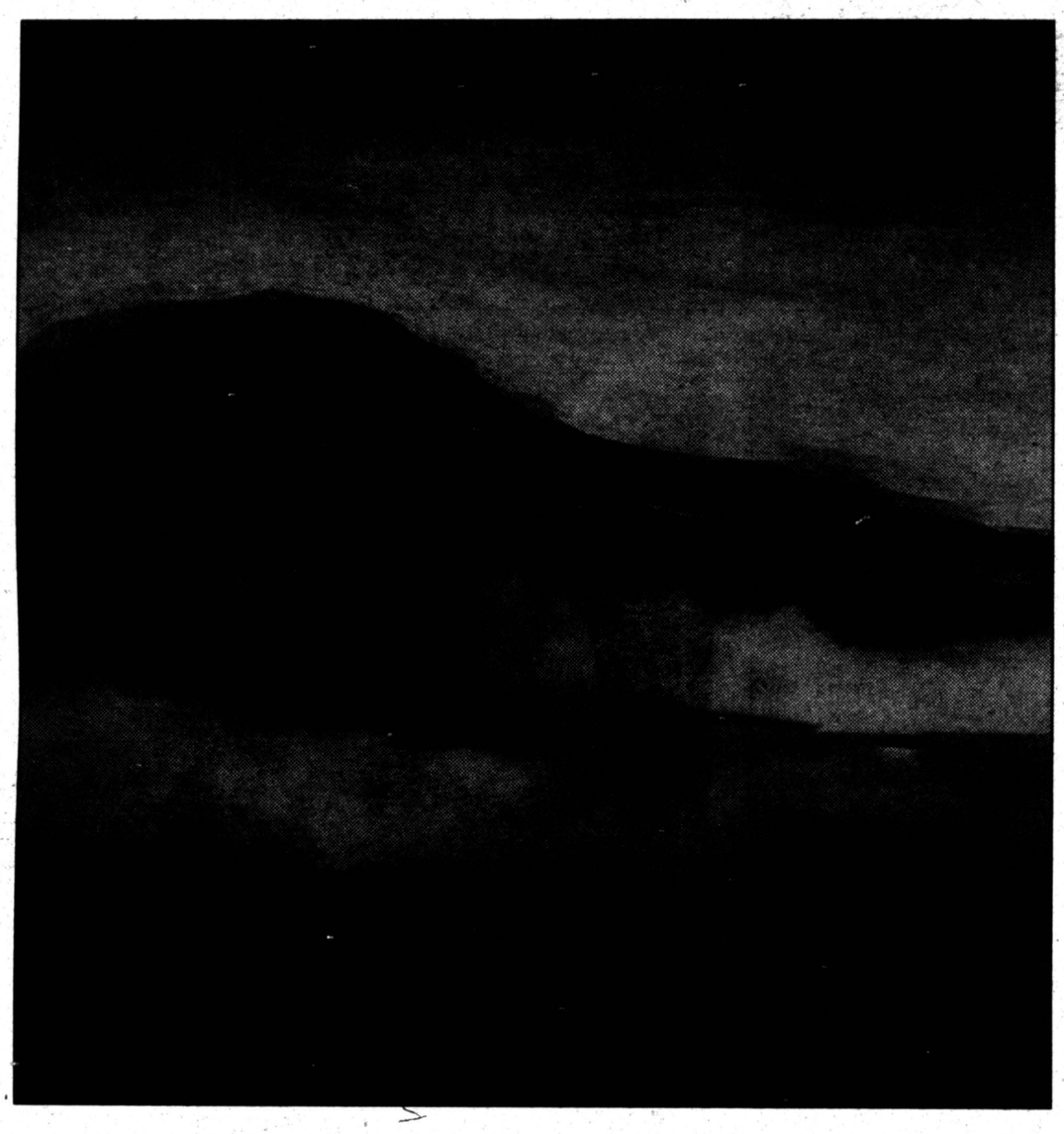
"I'm always reaching for something that's beyond my grasp," she said. "If it was easy, it wouldn't be worth doing. If it gets easier, I'm doing something wrong. I never know exactly what I'm doing, but that's a good place for an artist to be. I'm open to all the possibilities."

The art association will host a reception for Hybl Saturday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (831) 624-6176.

Painting with fabrics

Using materials such as wool and silk the way others use paint, longtime Monterey resident Mary Balzer Buskirk has played a key role in the local art community for nearly half a century.

Buskirk — whose recent work will be featured in an exhibit at the Pacific Grove Art Center Jan. 6 through Feb. 16 — is a past president and the founder of the Monterey Bay



Big Sur's fog is a source of creative inspiration for painter Heidi Hyble, whose work (left) will be featured at a show opening Jan. 7 at The Carmel Art Association. "Two Cypress near Spanish Bay" by Robert Lewis (below) will be featured at a group plein air exhibit opening Jan. 6 at Lewis' Pacific Grove gallery.

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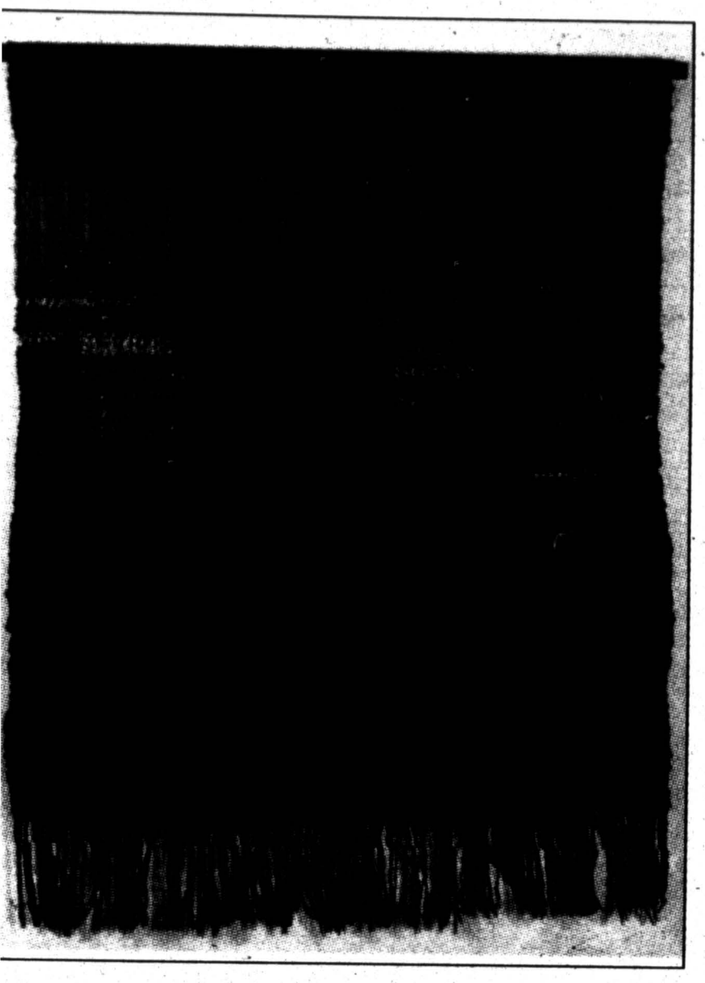
Artists Equity Fund. She is also the founder of the annual Monterey Bay Artists Day, and in 1997 she received the Benefactor of the Arts Award from the Monterey County Cultural Council. Currently, she is one of a group of local residents seeking to establish the nonprofit Arts Habitat program at Fort Ord, which aims to provide living and working space for local artists.



At the right is "Two Rocks, Big Sur," by plein air artist Cyndra Bradford of Carmel. At the top left is a recent weaving by fabric artist Mary Balzer Bushkirk of Monterey. At the bottom is "Sunset Abstreet," by Heidi Hybl of Big Sur. All three pieces are featured in art exhibits opening this weekend.

"This is the first show I've done since I had a retrospective at the Monterey Museum of Art in the summer of 2001," explained Buskirk.

Also featured at the art center will be new exhibits by painter and sculptor Dan Cronin of Big Sur and painter Jody Royee of Carmel. The art center will host an opening reception Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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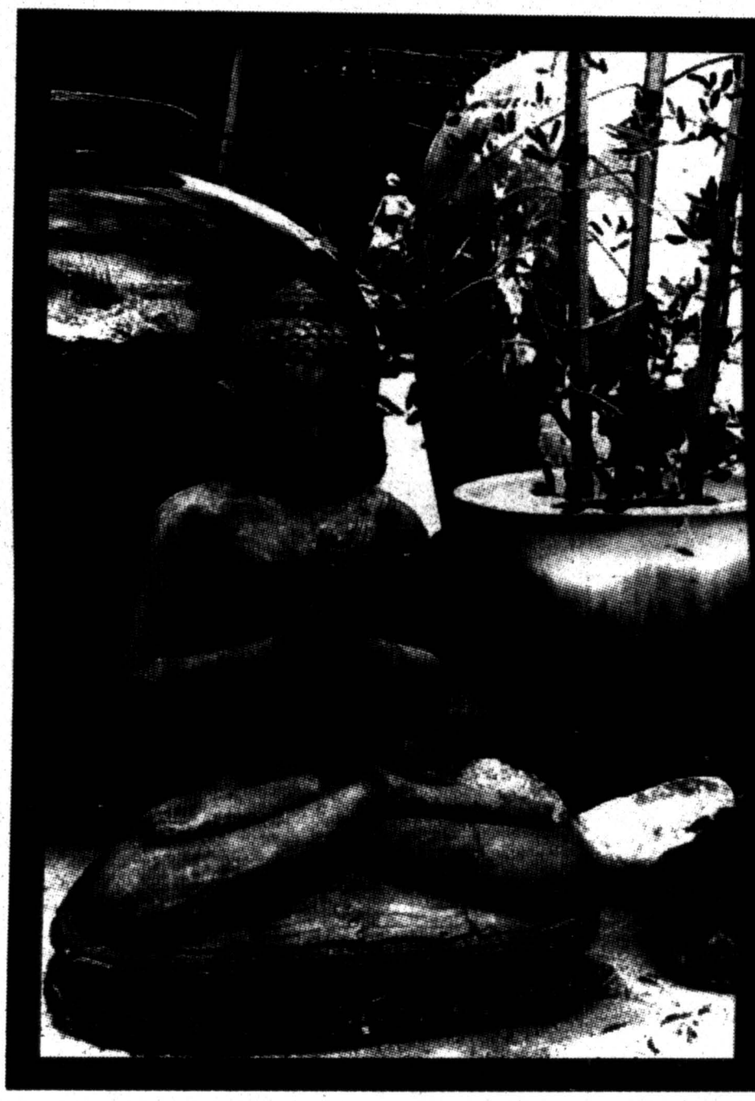

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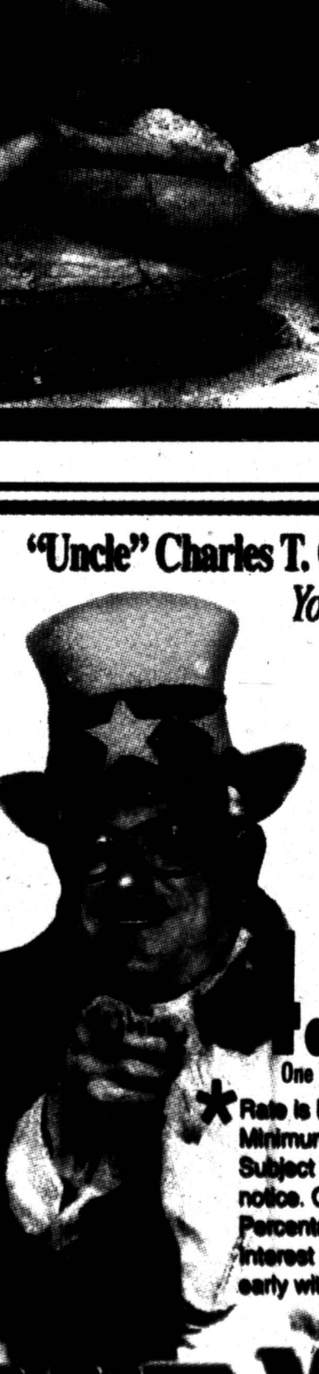

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Chef keeps Aquarium cuisine fresh and exciting

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

WHEN DORY Ford was executive chef at April Point Lodge in the '90s at Campbell River, British Columbia, he felt "in touch with nature."

Wild salmon and game were available locally, and he had an organic herb garden on premises, partnered with area farmers in developing an organic produce program and hunted wild forest mushrooms in the fall.

Moving from British Columbia to the glitz of Los Angeles was a cultural shock, and being executive chef for the prestigious Gai Klass Catering firm was a challenge. The company catered to movie stars and other beautiful people in Bel Air and Malibu.

"Everything was original and custom for the 50 to 100 events we catered monthly," Chef Ford said.

Zagat named Gai Klass Catering the top-rated caterer in Los Angeles three years running, so when Chef Ford left his position in 1999, he said, "I truly believed I was an executive chef. Standards were never compromised. The clients got exactly what they wanted."

The next three years saw Chef Ford as executive chef at Chez Mélange in Redondo Beach, The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino and the Jonathan Beach Club in Santa Monica.

And then, fortuitously, a return to being in touch with nature as executive chef at The Monterey Bay Aquarium for Bon Appetit Management Company, which provides food service for the entire Cannery Row facility.

A thing for water

Seated before the massive windows that look directly onto Monterey Bay from the Aquarium's Portola Cafe and Restaurant, Chef Ford said he loves the atmosphere here. "I have this thing about water," he said, looking out the window at the high waves brought about by a storm during the night.

Chef Ford was drawn to Monterey's environment because it's similar to the Pacific Northwest, where he grew up in Port Alberni, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and where his father raised ducks and geese and his mother made unforgettable jams.

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Encouraged by his parents, he won an "Outstanding Foods Student" award in 1984, went through a Malasapina College chef training program and won a gold medal in a 1990 Nanaimo Grand Culinary competition — this while working as a pastry chef/sous chef at the Wickaninnish at Long Beach/Painters Lodge in Victoria From there he advanced to executive chef. And the rest is history.

Here on the Monterey Peninsula, he loves to visit his suppliers in situ. "I try to get out to the farms to see what's going on. We use only locally grown, organic products and make everything from scratch," he said.

"This company wants me to cook the way I want to cook," which he finds very gratifying.

'Anticipation and curiosity'

Living in Pebble Beach, he has only a 10 minute drive to work, instead of the hour-and-a-half commute through dense Los Angeles traffic.

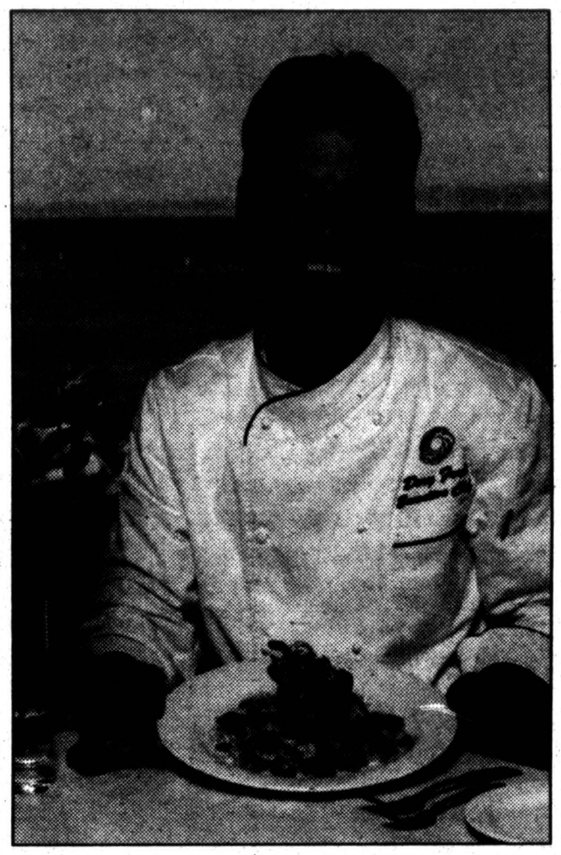
He visits the farmers markets in town and goes afield to Prevedelli Farms, Monterey Mushrooms and VB Farms in Watsonville, Serendipity Farm and Earthbound Farm in Carmel Valley, Monterey Abalone at Wharf 2 and many more suppliers in the immediate area.

The freshest ingredients "still inspire my work in the kitchen," he said. "A lot of my food is 'clean' — meaning it's not messed around with." You can always recognize the ingredients in his dishes, even in a mélange.

Chef Ford believes in partnering only four or five flavors that complement each other in one dish, allowing each individual flavor to come through while happily combining.

Responsible for the Portola Cafe and Restaurant menus, which he changes every two months, he tries to keep them "fresh and exciting."

"You order from a menu out of anticipation, not curiosity," he said, and to that end, he still writes menus in the format that Gai Klass required. When a patron at the restaurant peruses the menu, the description of each starter or entrée is complete and succinct.



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Executive Chef Dory Ford, shown before the Portola Restaurant windows that look out across Monterey Bay, has never lost his passion for food, which began on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Take, for example, the Maine lobster salad. This has a solid four ounces of lobster — a generous portion for the $17.95 price — and is described as being made of organic apple, Belgian endive, watercress, Treviso and misuna salad greens in a lemon dill vinaigrette with lemon crème fraîche.

An outstanding bargain on the starter menu is pan-fried Monterey abalone ($11.95) — a whole four-and-a-half ounce abalone, which cooks down to two-and-a-half ounces. It is described as being plated with a saffron cream sauce, cipollini onions and chanterelle mushrooms and enhanced with a lemon dill oil.

These are on the current late-winter menu. The new menu will appear in the restaurant Jan. 16 and will take advantage of new, seasonal offerings.

Of the items on the current luncheon menu of starters and entrées, 12 are fish or shellfish with the balance composed of salads, duck, turkey, lamb and beef dishes, and vegetarian fare. And of course, Chef Ford abides scrupulously by the Aquarium's Seafood Watch program of recommendations for the sustainability of the ocean. The current Seafood Watch pocket-size folder is always available at the aquarium and restaurant.

chef profile

The cafe and restaurant are contiguous to one another but separated by low room dividers. The restaurant serves from 100 to 264 lunches a day; the cafe, 3,000. Parties for 200 to 700 can be accommodated within the Aquarium, nighttime banquets are booked often, and members' private buffets are frequent happenings throughout the Aquarium.

A new "Chef's Series" can serve 100 diners once a month in the Portola Restaurant. "I prepare whatever strikes my fancy," Chef Ford said. "I take the food to the ultimate

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Cal Am likely to run Sand City's mini desal plant

By KELLY NIX

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN Water Co. has agreed to operate Sand City's proposed desalination plant, which would provide water for the city's 300 residents and a 23-acre resort.

The small desal treatment plant, to be nestled between Shasta and Elder avenues, would produce about 300 acre-feet of water per year.

"Final agreements — which will contain information on pricing and other commitments — are currently being drafted and will likely be complete within the next several months," said Cal Am spokeswoman Catherine Bowie.

If the partnership is finalized, it would mark Cal Am's first attempt at running a local desal plant.

In a November letter of intent between Cal Am and Sand City, Cal Am said it will govern the design and construction of the desal plant, including the intake, discharge and storage facilities, as well as maintain the plant.

"Our agreement will allow Sand City to remain a member of our water system," Bowie said. "They will own the plant. We will build and operate it, and then we will purchase the water from them and continue to be their provider — but there will be no change to our service area."

The city hopes the main desal facility, to be manufactured by the Spanish company, Pridesa, will begin construction in the fall or winter of 2006.

Although the California Coastal Commission approved the desal plant in May, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District still needs to approve the addition of wells and other system features, something Cal Am is confident it will do.

As long as the desal plant meets the standards for a water distribution system, it would likely be approved, said David Berger, general manager for the water district.

A step toward ending illegal pumping

The plant's piping and wells would be placed west of Highway 1. The plant's reverse osmosis plant and two 425,000-gallon storage tanks would be located east of Highway 1 on Shasta Avenue. Distribution pipes would be installed throughout the city.

But the coastal commission outlines concerns about the desal plant in a 2005 report that approves the facility.

The city's proposal for the plant is inconsistent with Local Coastal Program policies because it does not contain enough information to determine whether the plant would encroach on what the coastal commission dubs "environmentally sensitive habitat," the coastal commission's report said.

The coastal commission approved the plant on condition water conservation efforts and public access components be incorporated into the project, as well as other conditions.

The Sand City desal plant could be a study for Cal Am's proposed Coastal Water Project, a much larger plant in Moss Landing that would use Duke Energy's intake, outfall and cooling system. The plant would provide a drought-free water supply to the Monterey Peninsula.

Cal Am views the desal plant as a step toward complying with 95-10, a 1995 state order for Cal Am to drastically reduce pumping from the Carmel River.

Sand City has a moratorium on new water connections since it's in the Cal Am service area. But the desal plant would allow the city to carry out its redevelopment plan, which includes adding more businesses and transforming the city from 300 residents to 1,200.

Although Cal Am hasn't operated a local desal plant before, Bowie said the company has the experience to do so.

"American Water has expertise in design-build-operate projects and is currently working on a desal retrofit for the 25-million-gallon-per-day Tampa Bay Water desalination plant," she said.

Until Sand City can use the plant's entire output, Cal Am will purchase some of that water for other uses on the Peninsula. "We have the potential to dedicate unused portions of the plant's production to help protect our ratepayers from fines due to overdraft of the Carmel River, as well as to help replenish the Seaside Basin," Bowie said.

The desal operation would also provide water for The Collection at Monterey Bay/Playa Avenue Resort Hotel, a proposed development expected to use about 34 acre-feet of water a year.

The resort, west of Highway 1, was proposed by John E. King, a prominent San Luis Obispo developer who owns the Marina Dunes Resort in Marina.

"Somehow, Sand City succeeded where many others have failed," Bowie said. "Not only to find a project that will help address the Peninsula's water supply needs, but to move it through the regulatory and approval process."

Juvenile Impact program gets $30,000 foundation grant

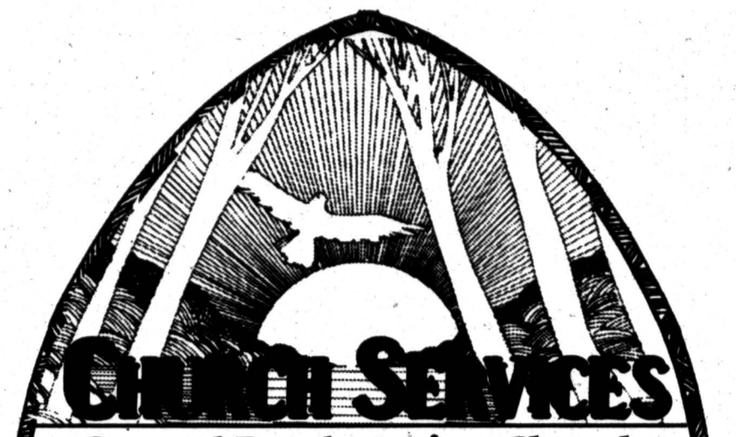
MONTEREY PENINSULA resident Frank DiPaola's Juvenile Impact Program, the nonprofit that aims to steer at-risk kids away from truancy, gangs, violence and drug abuse, received a $30,000 grant from the Harden Foundation last month. It marked the second year the foundation provided funds for the boot-camp-style intervention.

A Los Angeles police officer for 25 years, DiPaola sought to reach young offenders and at-risk kids before they entered the justice system. He began showing juveniles the potential consequences of their actions by taking them to the morgue and the jail, and he called upon military volunteers to subject them to strict physical exercise regiments. He enlisted speakers to take the juveniles through classes covering everything from decision making to drug resistance.

In the mid-1990s, then-governor Pete Wilson learned of DiPaola's program and named him California's first and only juvenile justice liaison to take it to police departments throughout the state.

DiPaola later moved to the Monterey Peninsula and set up the local Juvenile Impact Program with financial help from the county, which it received for three years. Police chiefs from the county's 12 cities serve on its advisory board, and hundreds of kids have passed through its doors.

The nonprofit now depends upon grant money and donations, and anyone interested in contributing time or money should call (831) 424-2706.



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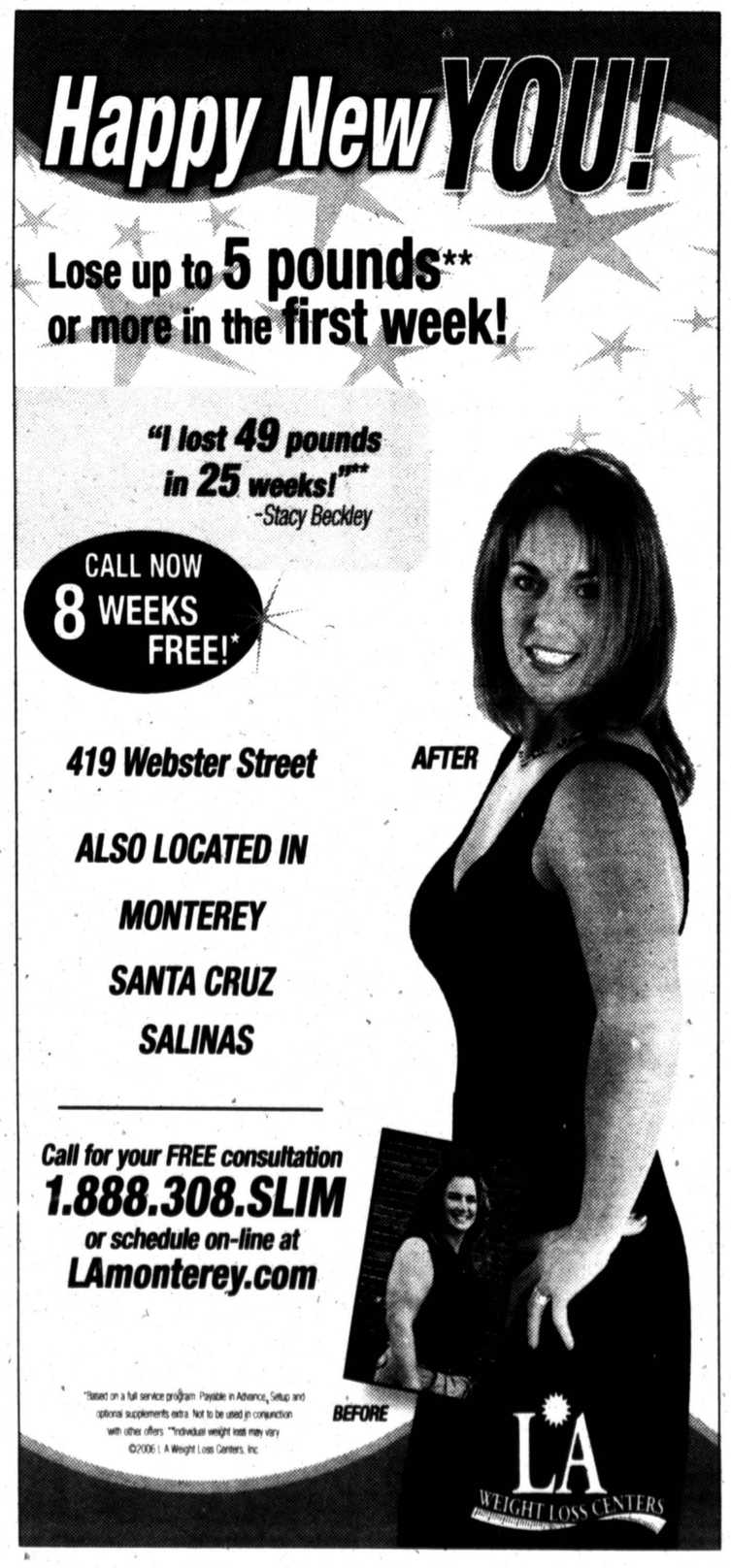
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Artichokes: How to cook them at home, where to enjoy them out

By CHARYN PFEUFFER

DURING THE 16th century, it was scandalous for a woman to eat an artichoke. At the time, artichokes were believed to possess aphrodisiac powers and were served strictly to men.

Gratefully, such arcane attitudes aren't prevalent nowadays, and men and women can indulge in the pleasures of the beloved edible thistle.

Living in Monterey County, in fact, you practically have to eat the things.

California was introduced to the artichoke in the early 1900s, when Italian immigrants planted several hundred acres near Half Moon Bay. Nearly 100 percent of all artichokes grown commercially in the United States come from California, and approximately 80 percent of the state's total acreage lies within Monterey County. According to the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, nearly 4 million artichokes are harvested annually from the region. In 1986, the board of supervisors declared the artichoke the "Official Vegetable of Monterey." The heart (ahem) of the artichoke industry, however, is Castroville, the self-named "Artichoke Center of the World." Its steady climate of frost-free winters, moist marine air and foggy summertime days are ideal for the varieties grown on the Central Coast.

Eating the thorny orbs is pratically a requirement for Monterey County citizenship

At first glance, this globular, spiky-leaved, green vegetable does look somewhat off-putting and inedible, but artichoke aficionados will disagree that the hands-on experience of eating an artichoke is a test of patience.

And though most of us take the easy route — serving whole steamed artichokes with melted butter or aioli — many local chefs have more imagination. Menus in Peninsula restaurants showcase this California commodity every which way: fried, steamed, baked, braised, grilled, griddled and even raw. Artichoke hearts show up on the grilled fontina sandwich at Red House Café in Pacific Grove, in a wasabi-spiked risotto served alongside seared Ahi tuna at Kurt's Carmel Chop House, and at Peppers in Pacific Grove in a mushroom and artichoke enchilada that will sate even the most die-hard of carnivores.

This time of year, my favorite way to enjoy this local treasure is in incredibly rich, smooth and comforting artichoke soup. This creamy concoction is one of the culinary world's most tedious to prepare — every leaf must be carefully scraped and pureed. The best rendition to pass my lips is served at Duarte's Tavern in Pescadero, about 20 minutes north of Santa Cruz. It's apropos that one must travel past fields of gray-green artichokes to the restaurant (formerly a stagecoach watering hole), which is renowned for its cream of artichoke soup. (Locals like to mix it 50/50 with the cream of green chili soup.)

Closer to home, the Cottage in Carmel features an award-winning soup that holds it own versus Duarte's variety. Co-owners Steve Cardinalli, his wife Nellie and his mother Kathleen painstakingly scrape artichoke leaves every day to make their fresh and delicious creation. The Hog's Breath Inn also makes a very worthy version while, for added decadence, The Duck Club at Cannery Row's Monterey Plaza Hotel adds crabmeat to its adaptation and serves the soup en croute.

No matter how you like your artichokes,

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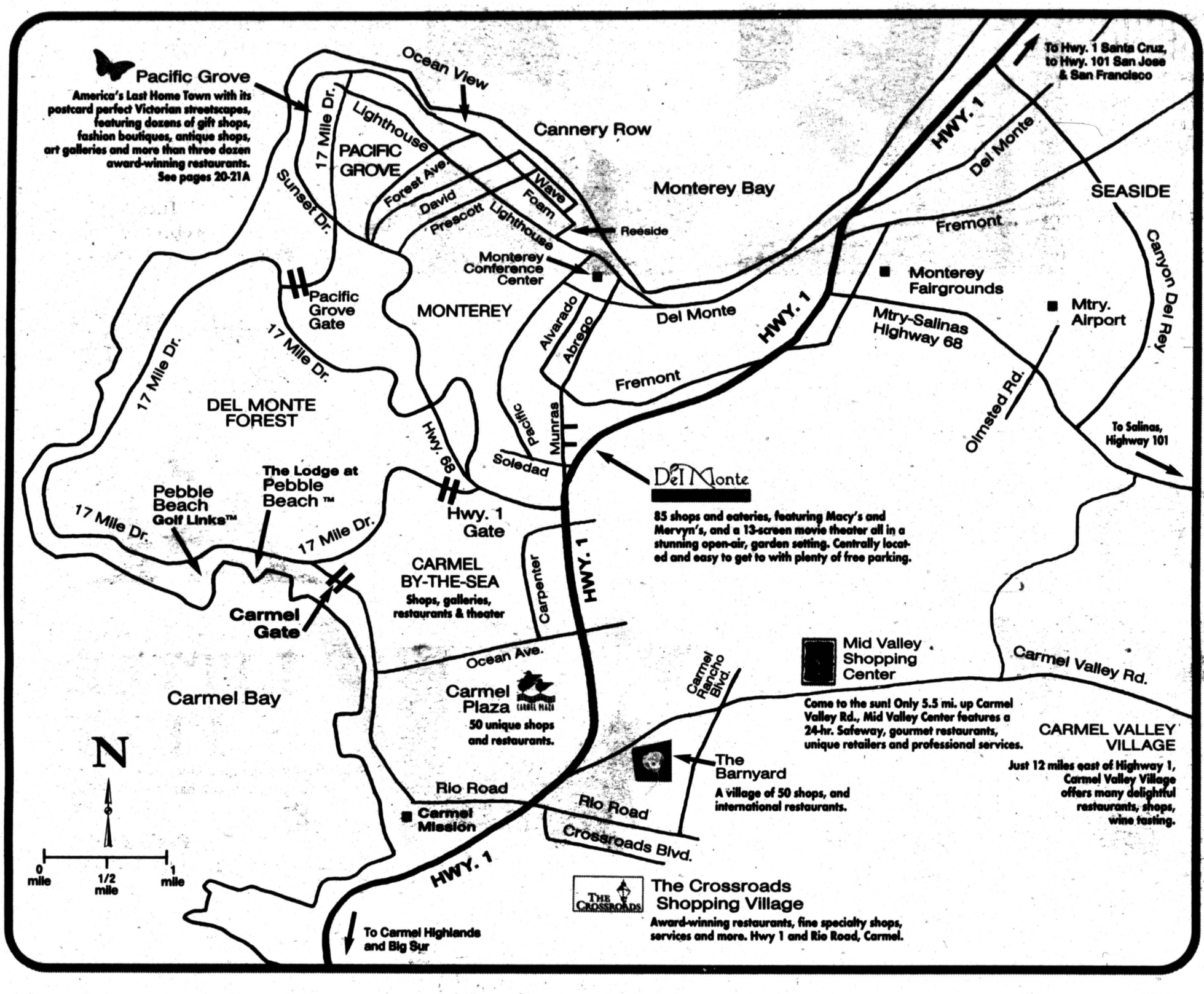

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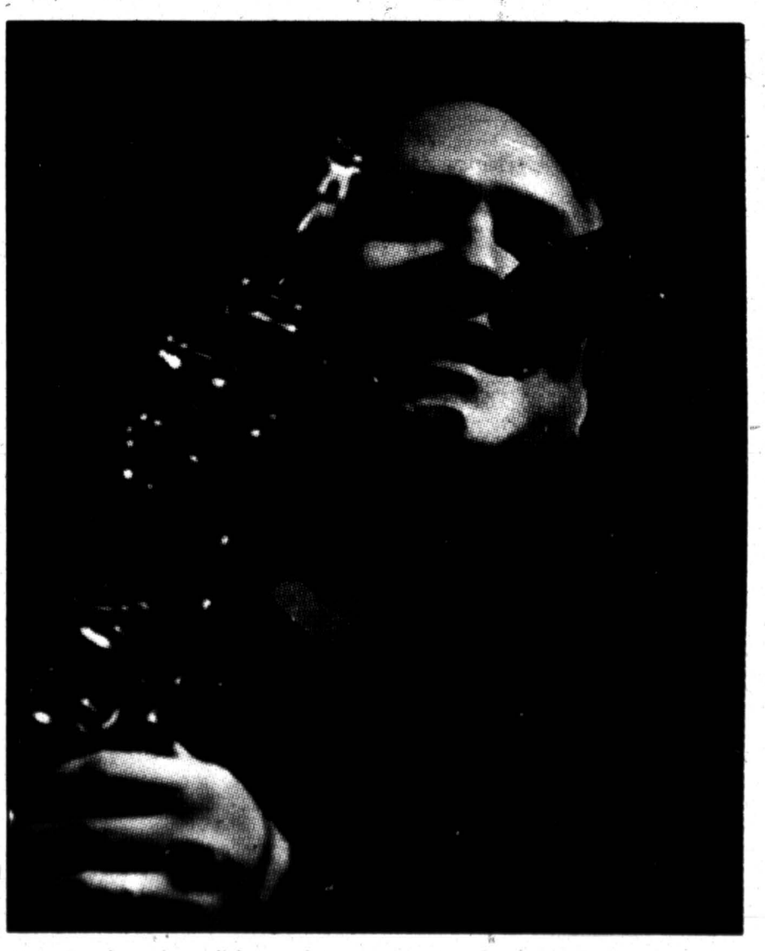

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Monterey Live (formerly Viva's) on Alvarado Street, was easily the best thing to happen to the local music scene in 2005, and the intimate venue will start off the new year with another eclectic slate of entertainment. Booker Tom Miller has put together a mélange of music beginning with Friday night's performance by the **Steve Abrams Quintet**. Featuring Santa Cruz jazz guitarist Abrams, the group specializes in soulful jazz, melodic ballads and Latin grooves. Also on tap for this week at Monterey Live: Saturday night **Kawika Alfiche** and the **Halau O Keikialli Dancers** will perform traditional Hawaiian music with shows at 4 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 8, Celtic violinist **Jamie Laval** appears with multi-instrumentalist **Ashley Broder** at 7 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 9, Monterey Peninsula Artists up and coming female vocalist **Holly Brook** performs a solo concert at 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 11, Monterey Live presents an **Aloha Style Celebration of ukulele and Hawaiian slack key guitar** featuring Keoki Kahumoku, Herb Ohta Jr. and Daniel Ho. For more information about all Monterey Live performances call 831-646-1415.

Sunset Center, which is slowly evolving into a magnet for major national touring acts, has some impressive artists on the 2006 calendar, including '60s rock'n'roll icon **Eric Burdon and the Animals** Feb. 2 and '70s Sailin' Shoes Southern rockers **Little Feat** scheduled to perform on Valentine's Day. Jan. 11, Performance Carmel presents **"Sing! Sing! Sing!"** featuring Ken Peplowski and The Kingdom of Swing Big Band performing such hits as "One O'clock Jump," 'Stompin' at the Savoy, Don't be that Way,' and the climactic finale, "Sing! Sing! Sing!" Benny Goodman himself chose Ken Peplowski, then just 25 years old, for his last touring orchestra in 1984. The late great Mel Tormé said, "There have been too few clarinetists to fill the void that Goodman left. **Ken Peplowski** is most certainly one of those few."

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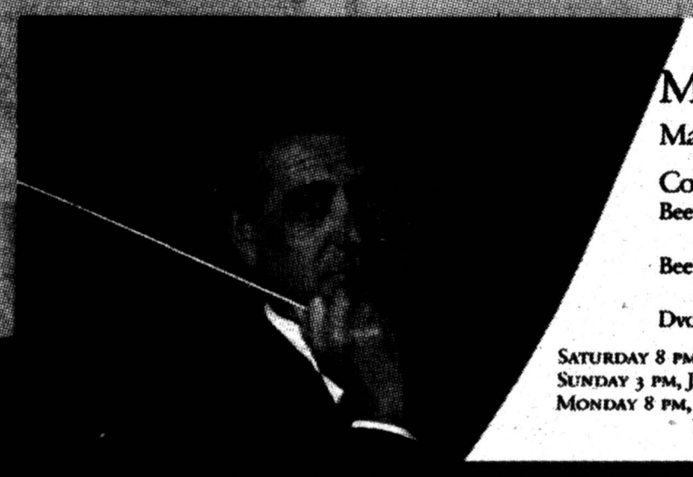

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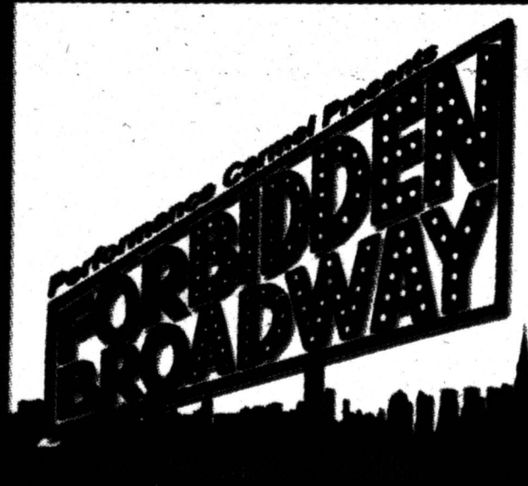

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The Cultural Heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Pasta Mia to come back to life with original owner in charge

By KELLY NIX

WHEN MAUREEN Signorella sold her popular Pacific Grove restaurant Pasta Mia five years ago, she intended to retire from the business.

But like an artist drawn to her work, Signorella couldn't suppress the passion she had for the restaurant, which she first opened in 1981 and is reopening in February.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing all my old customers," she said. "It was always like a little party there."

When Signorella ran Pasta Mia, it was a locals' favorite, routinely winning "best Italian restaurant" in opinion polls.

Needing a much deserved break, Signorella sold the restaurant and wrote a cookbook while in "retirement." But when the previous owner's lease expired a couple of months ago, her desire to return to the trattoria was too strong.

"The timing was perfect, because the book is finished," Signorella said.

Opening under the slightly different name of Pasta Mia Ancora, the restaurant will feature, as it did when Signorella first opened, food from different regions of Italy. That was unique for restaurants in Pacific Grove.

"I'm planning to have some of our old favorites, but some new ones as well," she said. "The menu is going to change weekly."

The new ideas include tuna carpaccio with fresh pomegranate; and pappardelle with wild boar bolognese.

For more traditional Italian items, there will be fresh pasta dishes, pizzas, a variety of homemade ravioli and a risotto of the day.

Pasta Mia Ancora will also offer light and healthy meals, and a nice selection of vegetarian offerings.

And although the menu will be modified regularly, Signorella said the chef will be happy to accommodate individual tastes.

Back from retirement to reopen a favorite restaurant

"If anyone has a favorite dish and they don't see it on the menu, we will make it," she said. "We make everything to order, so it doesn't matter."

The restaurant, located in a quaint, 100-year-old historic house at 481 Lighthouse Ave., will also feature a wine bar downstairs offering small bites and wine tasting.

Some of those appetizers include fritti misti, which are lightly dipped vegetables with dipping sauce, and different types of crostini.

To help ensure the magic is the same as it was before, Signorella is hiring many of the same employees who worked at Pasta Mia before she sold it. In fact, they've been coming out of the woodwork to return.

"A lot of my old employees have been great," she said. "They've been calling me and want to come back."

Since ambiance is critical to creating a complete dining experience, Signorella is in the process of gutting the building and repainting, remodeling and redecorating.

"We are going to give back its vibrancy and freshen it," she said.

Pasta Mia Ancora will also be slightly smaller, as one of the upstairs rooms will be a designated banquet room for private parties and other special occasions. Scaling down the restaurant will allow the trattoria a more intimate atmosphere, Signorella said.

While preparing the restaurant for a February reopening, old customers, having heard Signorella is returning to the trattoria, have been stopping by regularly to say hello.

"Everybody is asking for their specific recipe," she said. "I'm getting phone calls from people saying, 'Can you put this on the menu?'"

With so much obvious affection for her restaurant, it's apparent Signorella will have no problem attracting customers in droves like she once did. "There was no reason for me to come out of retirement," she said. "Except I love food."

PHOTO/KELLY NIX

Maureen Signorella has come out of retirement to reopen Pasta Mia Ancora in the same location she first opened Pasta Mia in 1981. The trattoria, at 481 Lighthouse Ave., will offer the same quality and service as before Signorella promises.

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ESALEN

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slides that demolished Esalen's original bath house. In response, Esalen embarked on an ambitious project to create a new bath house. Visionary Big Sur architect Mickey Muennig designed a modern concrete and glass structure, which cost $5 million and took four years to complete.

Back to the present

So is Esalen a resort or a nonprofit educational center? Well, it's a little bit of both, explained Wheeler, a Gestalt therapist and author. For those interested in applying for the executive director's position, resort management experience is considered a plus. But experience working for a nonprofit organization is even better.

"In a for-profit business, the ultimate goal is growing your business," Wheeler said. "In a nonprofit business, the goal is delivering your mission. But you still need to balance the books at the end of the day."

Despite Esalen's somewhat offbeat reputation, Wheeler is confident the search will attract highly qualified candidates.

"We're looking for someone who resonates with the Esalen culture," Wheeler said. "The world has changed a lot in the last 40 years. So much of Esalen's culture is now part of the mainstream."

Still, he conceded the job probably isn't suited for just anybody.

"We live together, we eat together and we work together," emphasized Wheeler, who said the search for a new executive director would not be restricted to Monterey County.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle facing Esalen's next executive director, though, is simply living in Big Sur.

"Big Sur is a paradise for people who love it, but not everyone wants to live here," said Wheeler of a place that is often isolated from the rest of civilization by winter storms. "It's a very powerful place. The locals like to say Big Sur chooses its own."

Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission meeting

THE MONTEREY County Military & Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Jan. 11, 3 p.m., at VFW Post 811, 3131 Crescent Ave., Marina.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include updates on legislative issue, in Sacramento and Washington, healthcare, progress toward a State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord, Veterans of the Year program and a VA benefits update from the Military & Veterans Affairs Office.

Members of the public are welcome and are urged to provide comments.

FLANDERS

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is 'harm'?" Conners said. He called the appeals court decision "bad law."

The principles

Commenting on the substance of the Flanders Foundation suit, Conners opined the group should support the city's decision to sell, because a private owner would take better care of the historic mansion. Billig and others have repeatedly criticized the city for letting the house, which was built in 1924 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, fall into disrepair.

"They say the city hasn't done anything to protect it since '72," Conners said. "They're right."

According to the conditions the city plans to impose upon a private buyer, the mansion would have to be used as a home, and the new owner would be obligated to restore and maintain it in accordance with historic preservation standards, as well as preserve views from the surrounding Mission Trail park onto the property.

But according to the suit, the city violated state and local laws by voting to sell the mansion. Billig has also said Carmel residents should be afforded the right to vote on whether the city should sell the property.

JAZZ

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television appearances and played orchestral and jazz arrangements before joining the Tommy Dorsey Band under the direction of Buddy Morrow in 1978. In 1984, Goodman put together a new band to do some touring and personally hired Peplowski as a tenor saxophonist. In 1988, Carl Jefferson, the founder and president of Concord Records, tapped Peplowski to record his first solo album, "Double Exposure." Fifteen albums followed, including "The Natural Touch" in 1992 for which he won Best Jazz Record of the Year at the *Prises Der Deutschen Schallplatten Kritik,* the German equivalent of the Grammy. Peplowski is on the road 12 months a year performing at top jazz clubs, jazz festivals and symphony halls, averaging 175 performance days per year. Over the years, he has performed with Tormé, Charlie Byrd, Peggy Lee, George Shearing, Tom Harrell, Hank Jones, Leon Redbone, Woody Allen, Erich Kunzel and Rosemary Clooney. The music starts at 8 p.m. For all Sunset Center tickets, call (831) 620-2048.

The **Monterey Hot Jazz Society** presents its monthly dance concert at the Moose Lodge in Del Rey Oaks at 555 Del Rey Gardens Drive Sunday, Jan. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. This month's lineup features **Dr. Bach and the Practioners** and **Tom's Trad Jammers**. Call (831) 372-6803 or (831) 633-0683 for more information.

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Scouts, kids turn barren dirt into ideal River School hangout

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BOY SCOUT and Robert Louis Stevenson senior Jonathan Post — with the help of volunteers, including dozens of elementary school kids — transformed a barren hillside above the playing fields at Carmel River School into a showcase for native plants.

Working to become an Eagle Scout, Post proposed constructing steps, a stone path and a terrace near the student's garden. The site features views of Point Lobos and the nearby state beach.

"It was impressive to see them work, because he was such a leader," said River School garden coordinator Laurie Fannin, who helped Post outline his proposal. "Here he is, not even 18 years old, and he had such a good command of his volunteers. He suffered a couple of setbacks but dealt with them so well."

Native plants, landscaping fabric, wood chips and plenty of elbow grease

Among them was a mulch shortage.

"A local tree service promised they would give him wood chips," Fannin said. "He kept calling, and they kept promising — and then he got a call Friday afternoon at 4 saying, 'Sorry, we don't have any.'"

Work was to get under way the following morning, so Fannin and Post frantically called other companies. They found two that came through with a large quantity.

After laying landscaping fabric to prevent the growth of invasive kikuyu grass, Post and his crew of volunteers covered it with about a quarter of the wood-chip pile that had been dumped on the other side of campus.

Fannin's son, Logan, suggested taking the rest and mulching a stretch of land along the school's 16th Avenue perimeter.

"He said, 'Mom, it's a way of organic weed control,'" Fannin said, and he was right. "He's 9 years old and expresses no interest in what I do. To him, I'm the most boring mom in the whole wide world, and to see him carry through with this was so impressive."

PHOTO/LAURIE FANNIN

Helping Jonathan Post with his Eagle Scout project, Drew Thayer wheels a load of pea gravel to fill a new path at Carmel River School.

As was the work of Post and his volunteers, who spent most of the daylight hours at the elementary school Dec. 3. They also installed steps and created the rock path, for which Post donated the cobbles, according to Fannin.

When Post came to her about an Eagle Scout project, Fannin gave an outline of her vision for the area, but she credited him with figuring out the details and doing the labor.

"We talked about what he needed to do, but I have to say, he really ran with it," said Fannin, a big fan of the Boy Scouts. (Logan may seem to have the makings of a Scout, but Fannin reported he has no interest in the organization. "I tried to talk him into it, and he said, 'Are you kidding? You and dad work me hard enough as it is!'")

After the hardscaping was finished, fifth graders and their first-grade "buddies" added native plants from Elkhorn Slough, including their favorite licorice grass, which smells like the old-fashioned black candy when rubbed between little hands.

"It brings out the nurturing aspect of the fifth graders when they're working alongside the first graders," Fannin said. "And the first graders know they have a fifth-grade buddy on the playground."

The Eagle Scout project and planting constituted the second phase of work on the Carmel River School Native Hill, and Fannin hopes to drum up some grant money or a donation to install a circular bench there.

"The third-grade curriculum so rich in local history, it would be a nice teaching area," she said.

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Senior Living

Forest Friends get cash for tree giveaway, pay for oak trimming

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE NATIONAL Tree Trust has awarded the Friends of Carmel Forest a $1,000 grant which will be used to help Carmel River School students sprout and nurture oak seedlings.

"The kids gather the acorns, grow the seedlings and give them away," for the forest group's annual distribution of free trees to anyone who wants them, said president Clayton Anderson. "The school has a new greenhouse down there, and we'll use the $1,000 in any way we can to perpetuate the tree giveaway and any other projects with the garden at the River School."

The kids already found and sprouted their acorns for this year's giveaway, which is set for Jan. 21 near the post office on Fifth Avenue in downtown Carmel.

Anderson said the money actually comes from PG&E, which promotes the use of trees that are less likely to interfere with power lines. The National Tree seeks to "expand, enhance and preserve urban and community forests," according to Anderson.

Old tree, new look

The Friends of Carmel Forest board voted to arrange and pay for the trimming of one of the largest oaks in downtown Carmel last month.

"The city didn't have the resources to do it, and they didn't have the time to make arrangements to get the job done, so we got the contract and did the paperwork and everything else on it," said Anderson.

For $2,400, workers with Urban Lumberjacks removed deadwood and trimmed branches to lighten the canopy of the large oak at the southwest corner of Devendorf Park last month.

"You don't really notice a big change; it was done subtly," Anderson said. "It was not major limb work, and of course the deadwood — no one ever sees that because it's on the inside and is hard to detect — but we

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THUNDERBIRD

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Waldroup said. "But it's time for the old gray mare to retire."

Two years ago, her family sold The Barnyard to a Santa Barbara real estate partnership. At the time, Waldroup said she wanted to sell The Thunderbird, but no buyer could be found.

"It wasn't a very attractive time to sell a bookstore," she said, citing the increase in Internet and big-box store book sales and changing habits among the young and old.

"Even with the postage, you can buy books more cheaply on the Internet than at bookstores," Nichols agreed.

Also, Waldroup said today's young people "have all their time taken up with the glitz of TV and computers" to spend much time reading. Meanwhile, the Monterey Peninsula's population is aging, and people over 70 are "moving into smaller places and downsizing." Waldroup herself recently moved to Carmel Valley Manor. "I just have 600 square feet now," she said, which doesn't leave much room for a library at home.

The Thunderbird was founded in 1961 in Carmel Valley Village and later moved to the mid-valley digs now occupied by Baja Cantina. In 1972, Waldroup and her then-husband John opened The Barnyard, making The Thunderbird its centerpiece.

"It's been a lot of fun, but also a lot of work," Waldroup said. "Running a bookstore is very detail-intensive."

She praised her right-hand person, Pam Hensley, for making it possible for her to keep The Thunderbird open this long.

"Without her, I would have caved in a long time ago," Waldroup said.

Last week, she gave The Barnyard's manager, Stephanie Scholderer, notice that The Thunderbird would not be renewing its lease, which expires Feb. 28. Starting tomorrow, a 30 percent inventory-elimination sale begins.

"When we run out of things to sell, we'll close," Waldroup said.

She'll be at the store this weekend and hopes that if some of her longtime customers come by, it won't be to say goodbye.

"Goodbyes are so sad," Waldroup said. "Let's just make it, 'Farewell, until we see each other again.'"

Sunset to host acclaimed string quartet

ONE OF America's best loved string ensembles, the Emerson String Quartet, will perform at Sunset Center Thursday, Jan. 12.

Founded nearly three decades ago, the quartet took its name from poet and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson. Since then, its musicians compiled an impressive list of accomplishments, including six Grammy awards. It was also the first ensemble ever to be awarded one of classical music's top honors, the prestigious Avery Fisher Prize.

The string quartet features violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer alternating in the first chair position, accompanied by violinist Lawrence Dutton and cellist David Finkel.

The concert is sponsored by Chamber Music Monterey Bay, a local nonprofit group dedicated to bringing worldclass chamber ensembles, as well as outreach and educational programs, to the Peninsula.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. For more information, call (831) 620-2048 or visit www.sunsetcenter.org.

ARTICHOKES

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prepared, they're fun to eat and are good for you. One 12-ounce artichoke is a source of vitamin C, folate and potassium. It's low in sodium, fat-free and a dieter's dream at only 60 calories.

Artichoke Soup

A friend gave me this recipe, but I believe it was originally printed in the New York Times.

What you need:

The hearts from 5 large artichokes
7 Tbs. butter
1 medium-size leek, white and light-green part (sliced and rinsed)
6 garlic cloves (chopped)
1/2 cup chopped shallots (or yellow onion if shallots aren't available)
8 oz. Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and diced
12 cups vegetable or chicken stock
1/2 bay leaf
2 sprigs thyme
4 sprigs parsley
1/4 tsp. cracked black peppercorns
1/2 cup cream
Salt to taste

How to make:

Prepare the artichoke hearts. Cut the artichokes lengthwise into quarters. With a small knife, remove the choke and discard. Cut away the leaves from the artichoke heart. Cut or peel away the tough outside skin of the stems and discard. Slice the hearts or chop to a quarter inch thickness.

In a large pot, melt half of the butter and cook the artichoke hearts, leek, garlic and onion until tender but not brown. Add the potatoes and stock. Tie up the bay leaf, thyme, parsley, and peppercorns in cheesecloth and add to the pot. Simmer uncovered, 1 hour.

Remove and discard the herbs. Purée the soup and pass it through a fine strainer. When ready to serve, heat the soup and whisk in the remaining butter and the cream. Season with salt and serve. Serves 8.

Where to get Artichoke Soup: The Cottage, Lincoln between Ocean and Seventh, Carmel, (831) 625-6260; Hog's Breath Inn, San Carlos and Fifth, Carmel, (831) 625-1044; The Duck Club at Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa, 400 Cannery Row, Monterey, 646-1700; Duarte's Tavern, 202 Stage Road, Pescadero, (650) 879-0464.

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P.G. can't find civic board members, and lack of free golf is likely reason

By KELLY NIX

IT SEEMS Pagrovians aren't giving as much thought to civic duty as they once did, and the city's revocation of free golf and tennis privileges for commission and committee members could be the reason.

Pacific Grove hasn't come close to filling seats for its 15 commissions, committees and boards that will be open Jan. 31 when a number of terms end.

"The only concrete thing I can tell is the benefit of complimentary golf was eliminated," said Jim Colangelo, Pacific Grove city manager.

In order to save money, the Pacific Grove City Council voted in September to revoke city golf and tennis privileges for committee members as well as council members. But that decision has apparently backfired.

'If they're only on the board for free golf, that's not the type of commissioner we want'

The city has 28 annual vacancies — slots left open because of term expirations — but has only received 15 applications. Even in the rare event that all 15 applications are accepted, 13 slots would go unfilled.

There are an additional seven regular vacancies — slots open because board members have left for reasons other than term limits.

Pacific Grove resident Barbara Francis, who served on the beautification and natural resources committee for three years, quit, in part, because golf privileges were revoked. She believes the policy has backfired on the city.

"It would be silly for me to say it was all for civic duty, but that's just not reality," Francis said. "Everybody likes having golf and tennis privileges."

Francis said she, and others, were upset by the way the city handled the revocation of the privileges. No letters were sent to committee members informing them of the change.

"We had no idea," she said. "We just sort of heard by word of mouth."

Francis said that by getting rid of the free perks, the city went back on its bargain.

"It's sort of like when you enter into an agreement and say, 'I'm going to do this for you, and you're going to do this for me,'" she said. "And later on they say, 'I'm not going to do that anymore, but we want you to continue what you were doing.'"

Council member Ron Schenk, who voted against revoking golf privileges, said he believes free golf is the least the city can do for those that volunteer their free time. "

"They are nickel and diming them, it doesn't make sense," Schenk said. "They are creating more ill will as a result of this."

He agreed with Francis in that it was inappropriate for the city not to notify members about the change.

But councilman Scott Miller said there were those who took advantage of the privilege, playing golf everyday.

"There were cases of abuse," Miller said. "It cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide that privilege."

There could be a happy medium in providing perks for board members, such as allowing one free round of golf a month or permitting equal time on the golf course or tennis court for time served on a board, commission or committee, he said.

"If they're only on the board or commission for just free golf," Miller said. "That's not the type of board or commission member we want in Pacific Grove."

But the city should also actively recruit qualified and dedicated board members, he said.

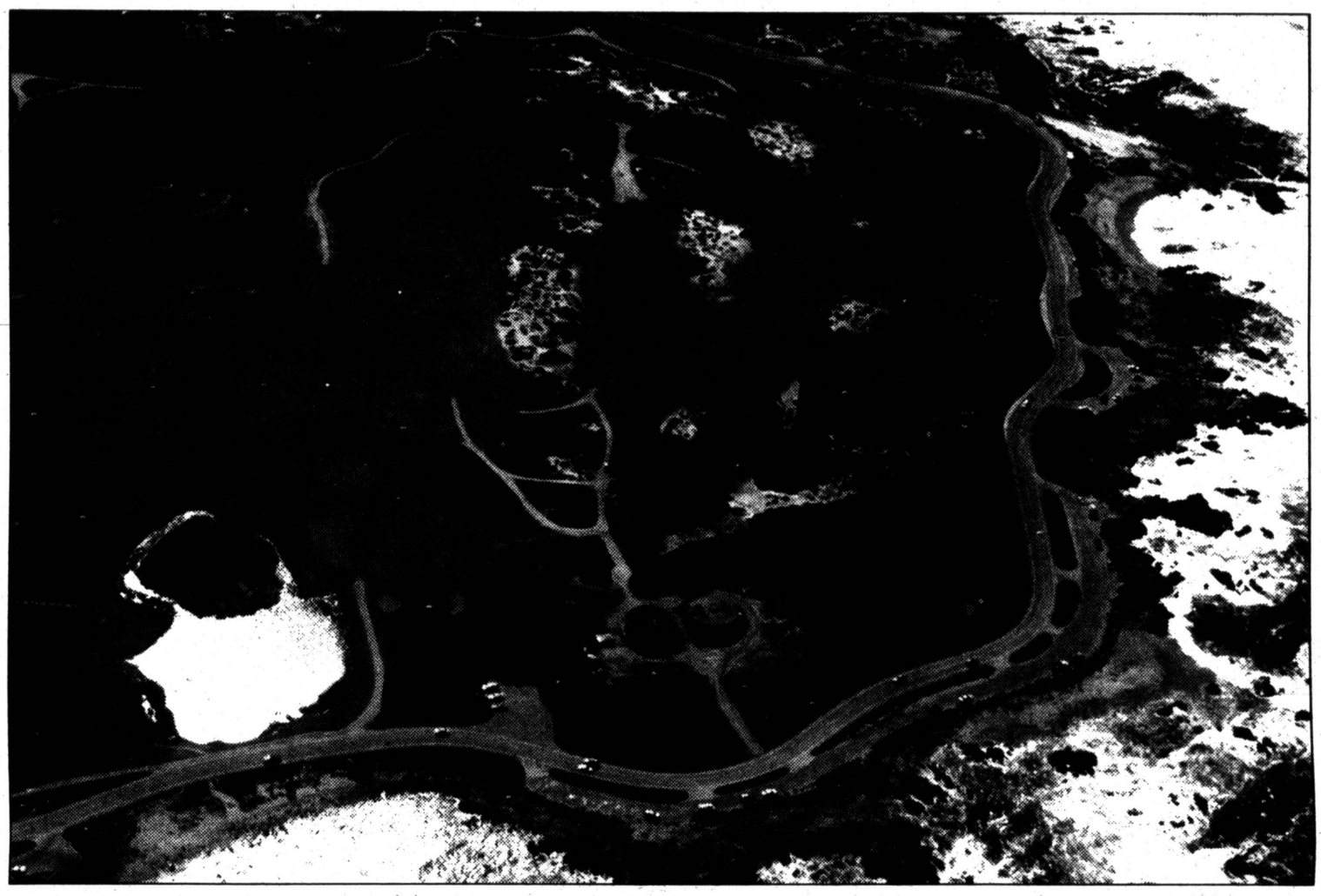
"If you want to fill your committees and commissions with good people, they will not automatically show up," Miller said. "You have to seek them out."

On Thursday, the city contacted several current board members, whose terms expire, and several said they would likely seek reappointment. Colangelo said the city will also advertise online and in newspapers to solicit board members.

"If there are people out there who think this is a closed system and the same people get appointed all the time, we have openings now," he said.

Prospective applicants need only to fill out a one-page application, which can be downloaded from the city's website or picked up at city hall.

"There is more opportunity than ever to apply for one of these commissions or committees," Colangelo said.



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The back nine of the Pacific Grove golf course (above) is as scenic as any course on the Monterey Peninsula. Appointees to P.G.'s boards and commissions no longer get to play for free, and that may be why the city has so many openings.

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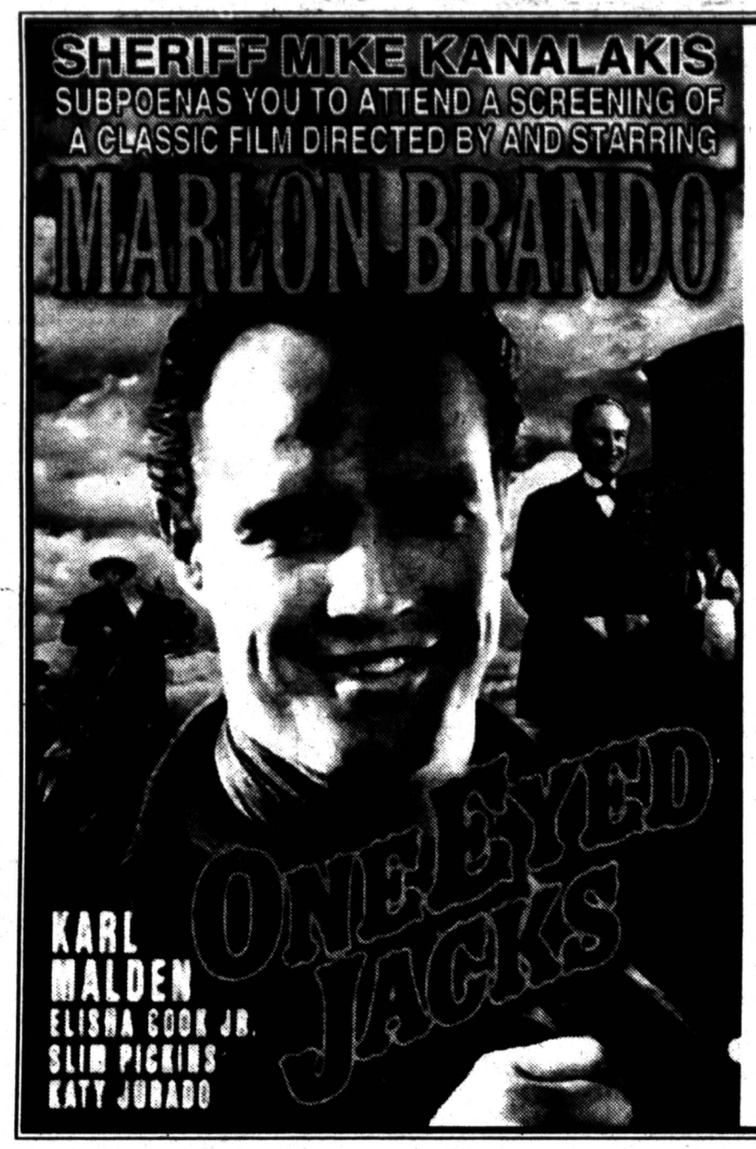

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Bouncers beaten up at private party

By MARY BROWNFIELD

TWO MEN ended up in the hospital, one requiring surgery, following a fight outside a private party at a Carmel Valley residence Dec. 21, according to the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. Investigators have identified the people they believe badly beat Cody Smith and Gailan Boland during a dispute about parking but have yet to make any arrests, Sgt. John DiCarlo said Thursday.

Carmel Valley Road resident Frank Dobronte reported the fight Dec. 27, almost a week after the party for his daughter, who had returned home from college. Dobronte was not home during the event, which drew between 50 and 100 people, but he had Smith and Boland serve as bouncers, according to DiCarlo. The two men reportedly work for Dobronte's business.

The fight erupted after Smith attempted to tell someone where to park his car.

"There was some dispute," DiCarlo said. "The guy pushed him, there was a fight, and a couple of other people joined in and beat the guy [Smith] up."

Boland also became involved but could not say how events transpired.

"He has no recollection of the incident," DiCarlo said. "Someone else reported he was unconscious."

Though he would not provide specific details about either victim's injuries, DiCarlo said Boland's could require multiple surgeries.

Sheriff's investigators identified the suspects and have questioned one, according to DiCarlo, but no one has been arrested or charged with the crimes.

"We're still investigating who's at fault," he said.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M76789.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MARIA CRISTINA JOHNSON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name:
MARIA CRISTINA AVILA JOHNSON
Proposed name:
MARIA CRISTINA JOHNSON

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 13, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 14, 2005.
Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos

Publication dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 2006. (PC1222)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M77018.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MARTHA L. BENNETT, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name:
ALEXANDER ASHLEY BENNETT
Proposed name:
ALEXANDER ADRIAN BENNETT

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 20, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., Dept.: LTM. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 1, 2005.
Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos

Publication dates: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 2006. (PC1224)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: DR 43949

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
RENITA D. RAMIREZ
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ, JR.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center *(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help)*, at the California Legal Services Web site *(www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)*, or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE: *The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.*

The name and address of the court is:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MONTEREY
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Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
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Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Date: Nov. 14, 2005
(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
by Catherine Devi, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC 1223)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052833. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:
1. ALPHA SPORTS ASOCIATES
2. ALPHA SPORTS CONSULTING,
2893 Sloat Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953-2624. ALFRED V. BUDRIS II, 2893 Sloat Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953-2624. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 7, 2005. (s) Alfred V. Budris II. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC1225)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of VINCENT C. CRUZ
Case Number MP 17915

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VINCENT C. CRUZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ALFRED A. CRUZ and CYNTHIA R. CRUZ in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ALFRED A. CRUZ and CYNTHIA R. CRUZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 20, 2006 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: 17, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner ROBERT E. WILLIAMS, 215 W. Franklin St., #219, Monterey, CA 93940. (831) 372-8053. (s) Robert E. Williams, Attorney for Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 14, 2005.

Publication dates: Dec. 23, 30 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC1226)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of
ELFRIEDE ELIZABETH PRICE
Case Number MP 17916

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELFRIEDE ELIZABETH PRICE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WERNER BRAUN in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WERNER BRAUN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 20, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.; Dept.: 17, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

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Attorney for petitioner ROBERT E. WILLIAMS, 215 W. Franklin St., #219, Monterey, CA 93940. (831) 372-8053. (s) Robert E. Williams, Attorney for Petitioner.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 14, 2005.

Publication dates: Dec. 23, 30 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC1227)

SUMMONS – FAMILY LAW
CASE NUMBER: DR 42948

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
MARIA CONSUELO LAURENCIO
You are being sued.

PETITIONER'S NAME IS:
SERAFIN S. MENDOZA

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

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The name and address of the court is:
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1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, CA 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is:
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Salinas, CA 93906
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NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual.

Date: Feb. 14, 2005
(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk
by Erica Aledo, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC 1228)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052956. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **TOTALITY BOOKS,** 25680 Tierra Grande Dr., Carmel, CA 93923. HOWARD DAVID STRAUS, 25680 Tierra Grande Dr., Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 1999. (s) Howard D. Straus. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC1229)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052864. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **HEARTLAND HOSPICE SERVICES,** 2511 Garden Road, Suite B-200, Monterey, California 93940-5332. IN HOME HEALTH, INC., 2511 Garden Road, Suite B-200, Monterey, California 93940-5332. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1, 2005. (s) David K. Nees, Assistant Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC1230)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052984. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ALL SERVICES PLUMBING,** 710 Congress Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. DOMINIC YANEZ, 710 Congress Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 24, 2005. (s) Dominic Yanez. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 20, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 23, 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 2006. (PC1231)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052776. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SIMPLY DETAILED,** 2860 Sloat Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. KIMBERLEY H. DONLON, 2860 Sloat Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 21, 2005. (s) Kimberley H. Donlon. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 21, 2005. Publication dates: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2005. (PC1117)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052954. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **THE MANDEVILLE LEE HAZEN,** N.E. corner of 7th and Monte Verde, Carmel, CA 93921. PAUL MANEVILLE HAZEN, 8 Carmel Way, Carmel, CA 93922. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1, 2005. (s) Paul M. Hazen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 20 2006. (PC1232)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20052986. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ZINGARO,** SW Corner Dolores and 7th, Carmel, CA 93921. CASANOVA RESTAURANT, LLC, CA, 5th Ave. and Mission, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 1, 2006. (s) Walter Georis, Member LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 20, 2005. Publication dates: Dec. 30, 2005, Jan. 6, 13, 20 2006. (PC1233)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M77503.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, MARK CORI and DANIELLE YARBROUGH, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name:
COLTON TYLOR HARRISON
Proposed name:
COLTON TYLOR CORI

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Feb. 3, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 21, 2005.
Clerk: Lisa M. Galdos

Publication dates: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2006. (PC101)

CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AMENDING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, Board of Directors will meet at the District's fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel to consider adoption of an amended Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 that ends June 30, 2006.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget was adopted September 20, 2005 and is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 73 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any District resident may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

DATED: January 3, 2006
(s) Theresa Volland,
Secretary of the Board
Publication dates: Jan. 6, 2006 (PC102)

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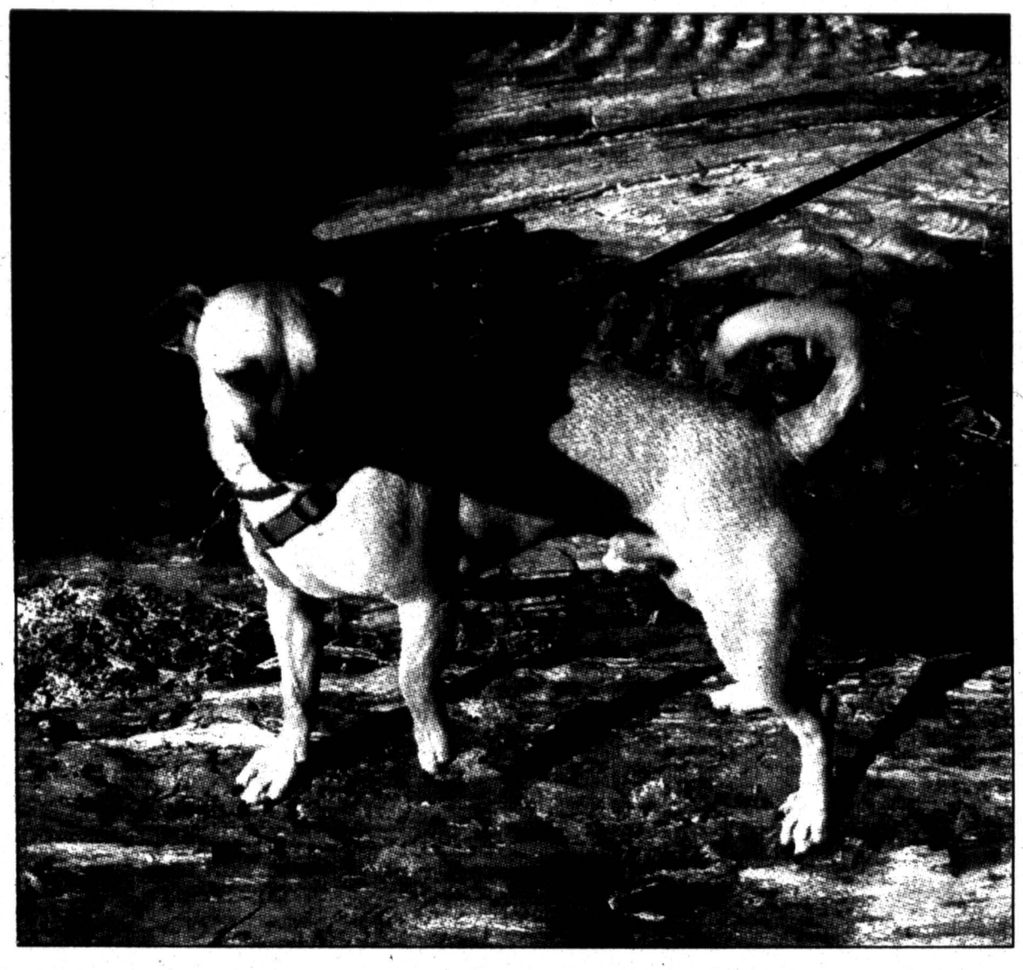
Publication dates: Jan. 6, 2006. (PC103).

By Margot Petit Nichols



TANNER JACKSON Fuerstenau, 2, called TJ for short, is thought to be a rat terrier with a hint of Chihuahua.

Sister Kira, 15, was doing volunteer duty at her local Pleasanton animal shelter a year ago when she met Tanner, a stray, and hurried home to Mom Gretchen, Dad Daryl and brother Ryan (now 13), and said, "You've just got to see this dog!"

When they sallied forth to view Tanner, they learned two other families wanted to adopt him, too, so a lottery was held. The Fuerstenaus won!

Kira made him a plaid jacket to wear when it was cold outside. He probably wore it when he first visited Carmel last summer, our coldest season. The beach! The dogs! The freedom from his leash! It was all too much for TJ, who, according to Dad Daryl, "ran his heart out the first two days before calming down."

TJ loves all dogs but prefers to run with the big ones. Not a shy terrier (did you ever see one who was?), TJ goes right up to a king-size dog and begs to play.

The Fuerstenaus think TJ was someone's pet during his first year, because he can sit, stay and fetch on command and because he's so well behaved. There's been no chewing of furniture or tearing apart of slippers, according to Dad. Since he's been a Fuerstenau, TJ has learned to roll over and speak.

When we encountered them Wednesday on Scenic Road, TJ jumped up on the felled tree trunks permanently on display at the top of the dunes near Eighth Avenue TJ investigated them all with great interest.

At home, his curiosity propels him to remove the squeaker from his stuffed toys.

For a little fun, the family hides his favorite orange "Cheeto" bone inside a rolled up blanket. TJ works at uncovering it for five or 10 minutes, finds the toy and squeaks it in triumph.

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OPINION

Editorial

How to solve planning department's troubles

THIS WEEK, the civil grand jury reported something that is already common knowledge: The county planning department is in bad shape.

Dealing with any planning department can be a nerve-wracking experience. (In some cases — the California Coastal Commission is a noteworthy example — the process of getting a building permit can even be like running a gauntlet.) The Monterey County Planning Department has unfortunately been no exception.

In part, this has been because the department has long been understaffed and overworked. Even highly qualified and well intentioned employees can lose their bearings when they simply have too much to do.

But more importantly, the hostility, negativity and general unhelpfulness property owners encounter when they try to get permission to build something on their land has its roots in the backwards attitude toward property rights that has become widespread in California.

Back in the innocent days before the 20th Century, most American cities lacked even a rudimentary zoning code. If you owned land, it was generally accepted that you could do just about anything you wanted to with it. As development progressed, substandard construction began to be seen a threat to public safety, resulting in mandatory standards for foundations, walls, roofs, wiring, plumbing, etc. But as long as you met those standards, you could still build pretty much what you wanted.

Later, the jumble of development that spontaneously grew in older cities — homes next to shops next to factories next to schools — resulted in the creation of separate zones for each type of development. (That's why the development laws we have now are often called "zoning codes.") But still, nobody questioned the right of a landowner to build on his land.

As the 20th Century progressed, however, zoning laws grew more and more complex. Prodded by the ever-increasing demands of activists and by legitimate public concern over the cost to the environment of unbridled development, government added layer upon layer to the zoning codes — so many layers that, particularly in California, the original purposes of zoning and building laws have long since overwhelmed by a new, aggressive no-growth agenda that treats any permit application as suspect at the outset. By the 1980s, so numerous were the obstacles to building in some parts of California, the U.S. Supreme Court had to come to the rescue of property owners whose land had, in effect, been confiscated by overzealous bureaucrats.

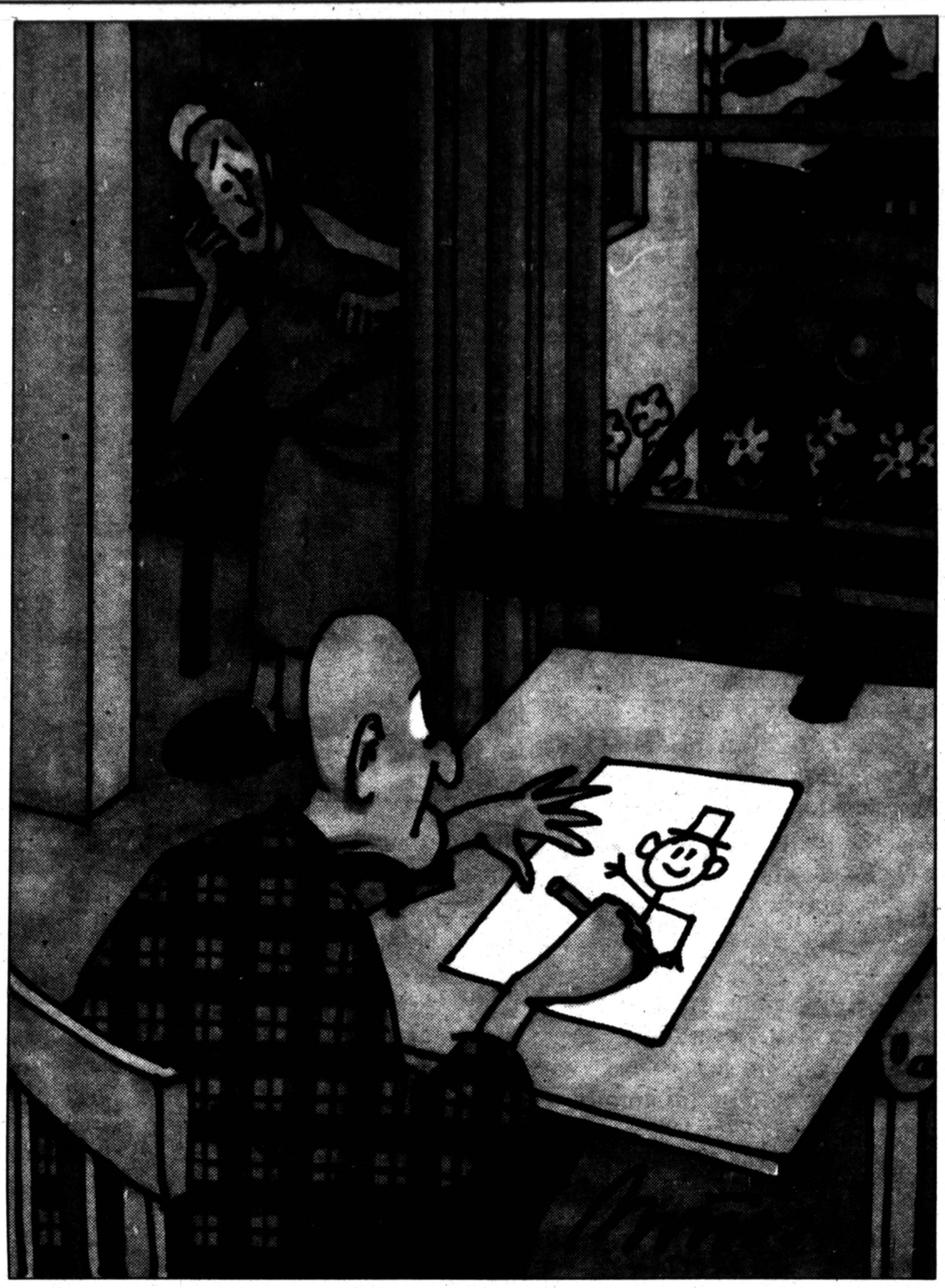
The bottom line is this: If you own land, you have a Constitutional right to put it to a use that is economically beneficial for you. Usually, that means building something on it. You are not being greedy or presumptuous if you try to do so.

Therefore, when someone walks through the door of the county planning department to try to get a permit, he should not be told, in effect, that "we will only give it to you if you can figure out some way to make us."

Instead, the attitude should be, "If you follow the rules, we will do everything we can to help you."

That would fix a lot of what the grand jury found wrong at county planning.

BATES



"It's New Yorker magazine's cartoon editor. He wants to know if you have the capacity to just give up."

Letters to the Editor

Decision will 'cost the city dearly'

Dear Editor:

Thanks for your coverage of the lawsuit against Carmel regarding the sale of parkland. Your readers need to know the issues and the process that will be debated; hopefully, the information below will shed additional light on the subject.

The city completed an EIR on the sale of part of Mission Trail Nature Preserve, including the Flanders Property. To comply with legal requirements, the city would have to adopt a resolution justifying the proposed discontinuance of park use, provide public notice of this resolution, entertain public protests, hold a public hearing to consider all protests, require the council to vote regarding whether to sustain or overrule the protests, and then schedule an election should the council vote to overrule the protests. Before parkland could be sold as "surplus" to a private party, it would have to be offered to open space/park agencies, school districts, affordable housing, mental health, homeless and nursing care providers and other agencies as per state law.

As a former councilmember, I believe that our elected officials should have listened to the initial advice of Carmel's own city attorney, and to that of highly regarded lawyers who are authorities in this area of the law, that the Flanders property is parkland. The council rejected that advice and instead hired an outside attorney to do its bidding. Unfortunately, that decision has, and will, sadly cost residents and the city dearly.

Barbara Livingston,
Carmel

No crackpot

Dear Editor,

Bill Burleigh has been an esteemed judge in Monterey County, so we can reasonably assume that he is no crackpot. In trying to reform the powers of the Monterey County planning department, he is sacrificing himself for the rest of us. It takes guts. Thank you Bill, for risking it all.

Craig Vetter
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Aquifer storage and recovery begins

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE SEASIDE aquifer storage and recovery water supply project, a joint effort between the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and California American Water Co., commenced Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The ongoing project allows the district to divert water from the Carmel River and inject it into its well in Seaside. The water is then pumped back to Cal Am for distribution.

"It augments the water supply," explained water district engineer Andy Bell.

The state's water resources control board has allowed for the district to pump 650-acre-feet of water from December until June, although depending on the amount of rain and the river's flow in any given year, pumping could end sooner.

"It's not a huge amount," said David Berger, general manager of the water district. "But when every acre-foot is so meaningful on the Monterey Peninsula, it's significant."

ELECTION

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Monterey County Elections. Nomination forms must contain at least 20 and not more than 30 valid signatures of Carmel residents who are also registered to vote in the city.

"We're recommending 30 signatures, in case there are issues with some of them," Burch said.

McCloud will seek her fourth two-year term as mayor, and Rose, who was first appointed to the city council in 2000 when McCloud left her safe seat to become mayor, will vie for his second four-year term. Hazdovac has served on the council for a dozen years and hopes to be elected to a fourth term.

Burch would only provide McBill's name, though the city forwarded his address and voter registration information to county elections, which verified they are valid.

PLANTS

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Fortunately, help is on the way. An interesting mix of what Dixon described as "growing partners" — ranging from Carmel Middle School to the Soledad Correctional Facility — is raising more than 30,000 native plants in containers.

"It's like a war out there," explained Dixon. "My challenge is to fight weeds. If the natives are abundant enough, they can reestablish themselves. This is their homeland. But the exotics are very aggressive."

As invasive plants are removed, they will be replaced by a wide variety of native plants and trees, including willows, sycamores, cottonwoods, oaks, rushes, sedges, salt grass, bull rush, cattails, sticky monkey flower, artemesia, yarrow and coyote brush. Ultimately, state parks hopes to establish at least three different types of plant communities.

Dixon said state parks is using a strict definition of a "native" plant for this project.

"It has to exist between here and Garland Park," he said. "That's our commitment to the integrity of the habitat."

While Dixon is confident in the success of the revegetation effort, he said it is difficult to predict exactly how it will turn out.

"Some plants will flourish and others won't," he said. "Despite our intentions, nature will assert its own design. But we're ambitious and we're trying to do our

CHEF

From page 10A

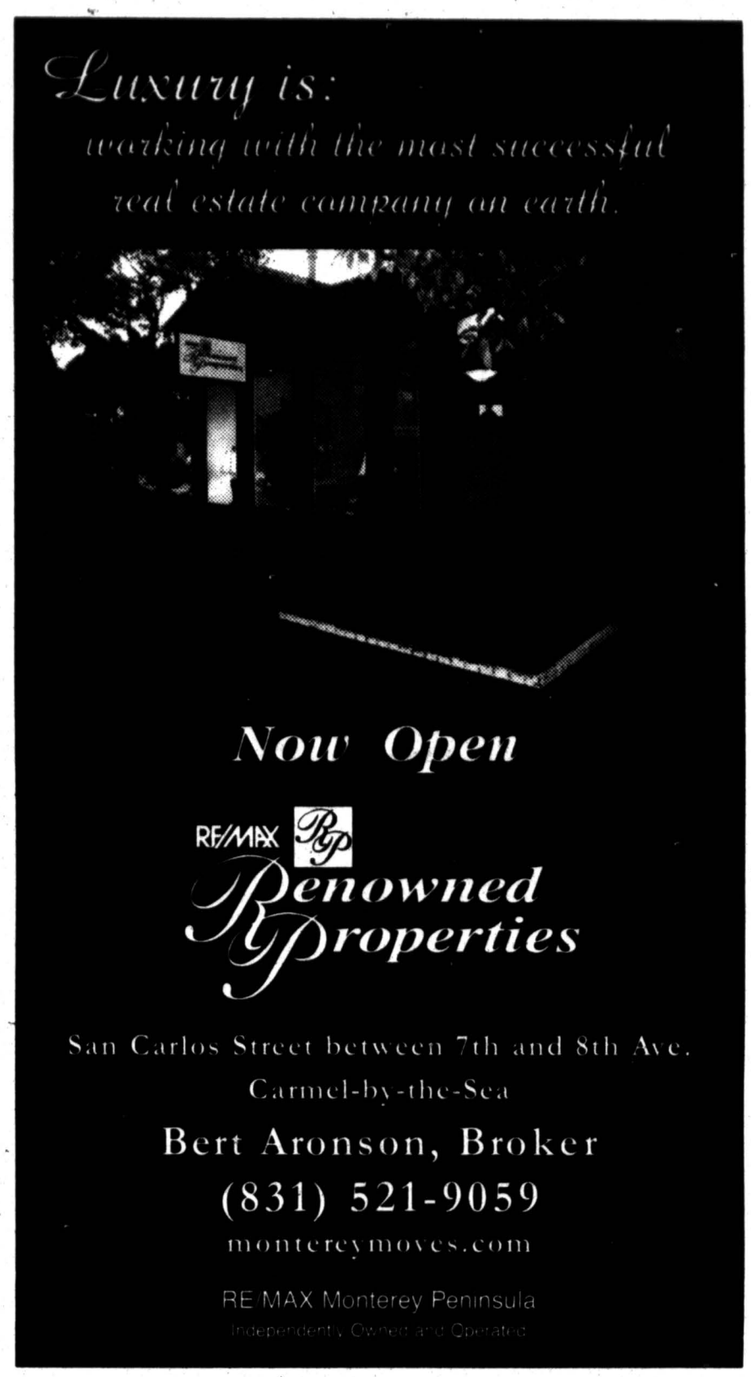
level — and we're gaining a following."

The Chefs Series dinners are $65 per person, with wine pairings extra, and are by reservations only.

While Chef Ford personally cooks for these special dinners, he oversees all the cooking in the Aquarium's kitchens. "I walk the circuit all day long, constantly checking up on my staff and giving my opinions. I get involved — that's my instruction," he said.

Seasoned Executive Sous Chef Jeff Walker is described by Chef Ford as being "the most invaluable right hand I've ever had." Portola Restaurant chef Estevan Jimenez worked with Ford previously at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens and at the Jonathan Beach Club. Cheyenne Vandenbrook, also a Jonathan Beach Club alumna, is pastry chef, and Francisco Mellado is the banquet chef.

The Portola Cafe and Restaurant, located within The Monterey Bay Aquarium, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, is open daily. The cafe offers self-serve lunches from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Portola Restaurant is full-service with full bar, open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling (831) 648-4870.



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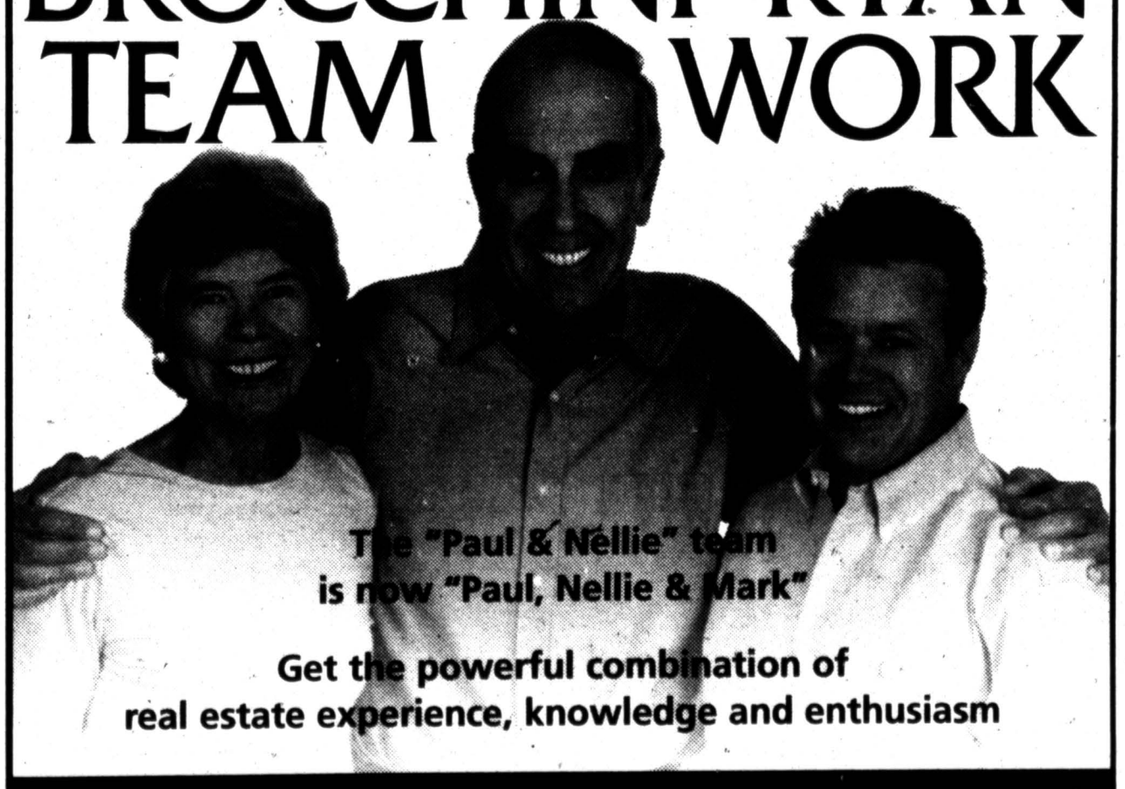
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Lorraine Boccardo
1917-2005

Lorraine Boccardo died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, November 27th at the age of 88, at the home in Los Gatos where she lived for over 50 years. Born Lorraine Vernon Dimmett in Folsomville, Indiana on February 10, 1917, she moved with her parents, Gurley and Amarilla Dimmett, and sister Elsie, to California when her family was swept up in the promise of westward migration in the 1920's. The Dimmetts crossed the country with the total of their belongings packed into the family Dodge and settled in the small farming community of Escalon, CA.

Lorraine and Elsie excelled in scholastic pursuits. They also became a sought-after singing duo in high school and at local community events, as expert practitioners of the lilting harmonic style made famous by the Andrews Sisters.

Lorraine attended San Jose State University, graduating at the young age of 18 with a business degree. She worked her way through college with a job at the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department.

Fresh out of college, Lorraine found work as a legal secretary for San Jose attorney James Boccardo, who was beginning what would become a legendary career as a trial attorney. A romance evolved and they were married November 21, 1936. The marriage lasted 67 years until James' death in 2003 at age 91.

Lorraine was an avid cook and gardener, winning awards for her begonias and floral displays during her early married life. She had a loving and generous spirit and soon became a devoted and tireless volunteer for community arts groups and charities, including the Crippled Children's Society, The San Jose Opera Guild, and Montalvo Arts Center. She was president of the board of the San Jose Symphony Orchestra during its heyday in the 50's. In the late 60's, Lorraine opened and managed a successful jewellery store in Palm Springs, CA, where she and her husband had a vacation home.

Continuing her philanthropic efforts in later years, Lorraine and Jim Boccardo became benefactors of the San Jose State University Business School, the Lincoln Law School, and the Emergency Housing Consortium, contributing funds for a homeless shelter constructed in Gilroy, CA.

Lorraine, and her husband Jim also enjoyed their residence in Pebble Beach. Lorraine participated in many community activities on the Monterey Peninsula including fund raising for the Community Hospital Foundation and the Monterey Symphony.

Lorraine is survived by her sister, Elsie, and her two children, Leanne Rees of Bethesda, MD and John Boccardo of Sausalito, CA, grandsons Evan Rees of Santa Fe, NM and James Rees of Los Gatos, CA, and great grandsons Zachary and Austin Rees.

Per Lorraine's wishes, there will be no funeral services, but a memorial celebration of her life is planned for February 11, 2006, at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga, CA, at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Monterey Symphony.

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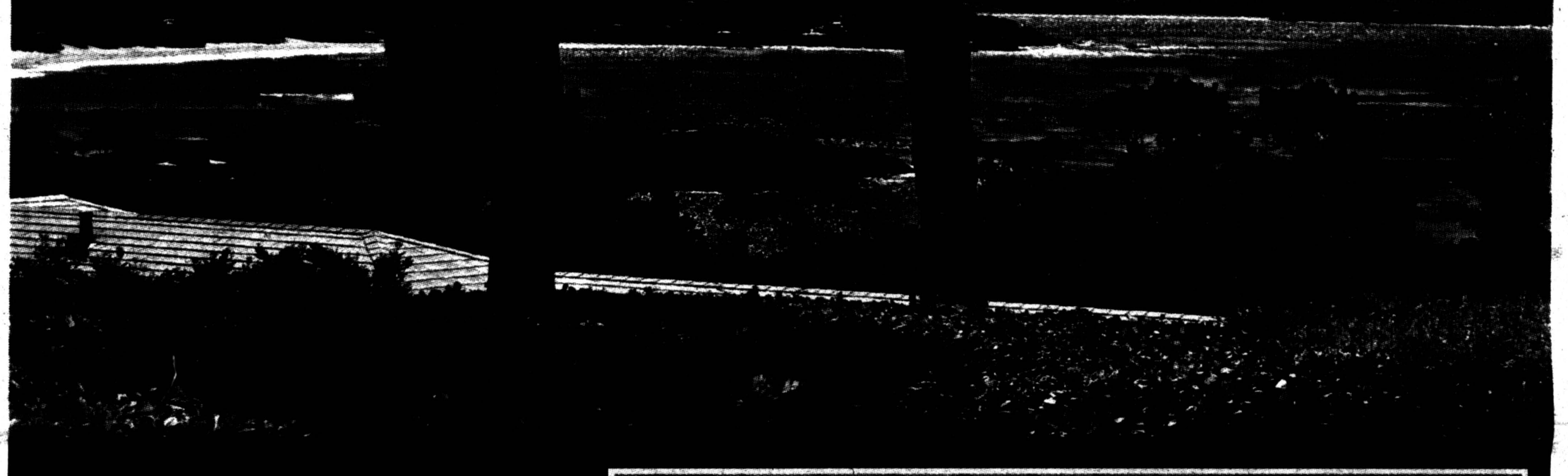

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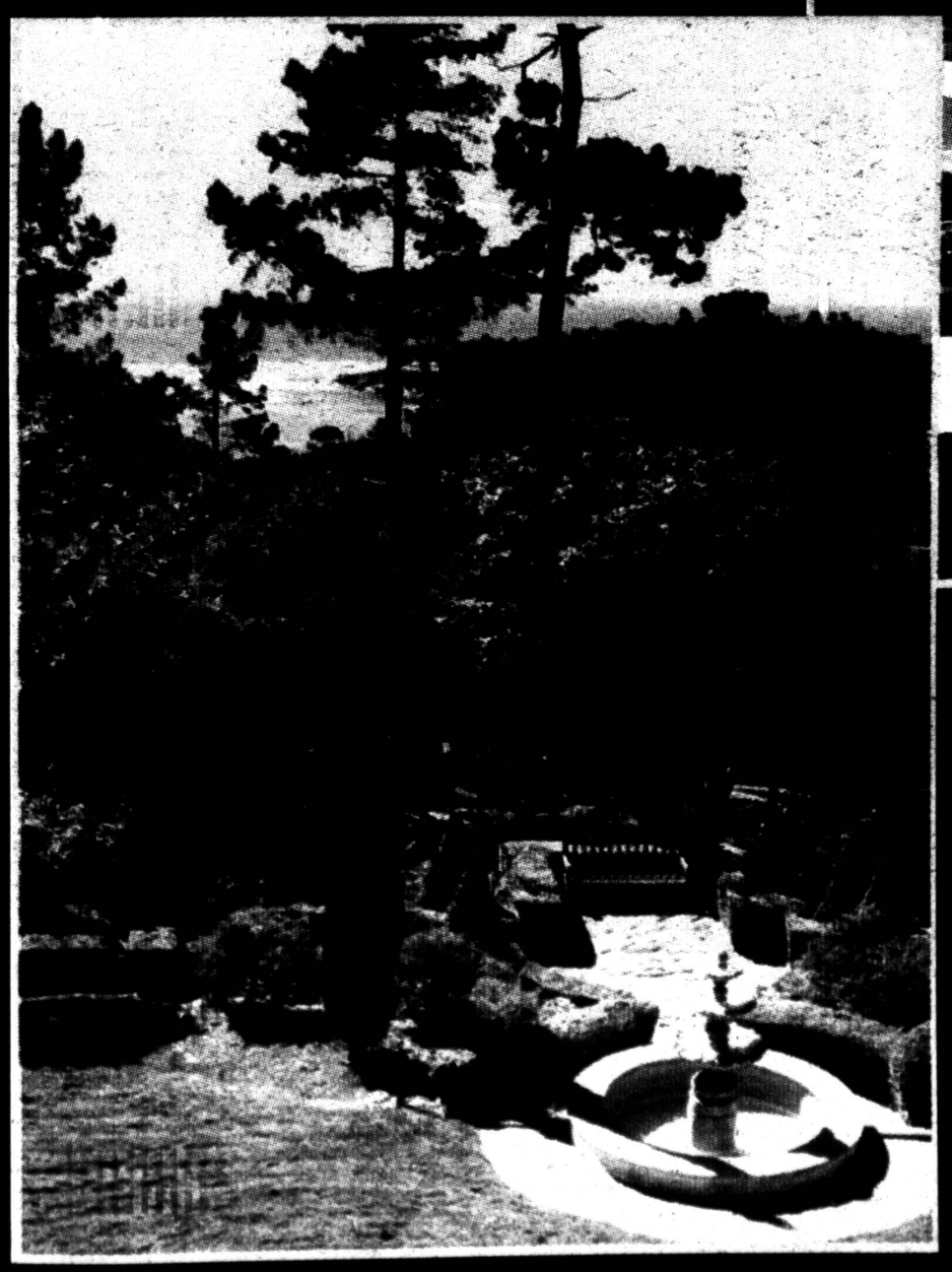

■ This week's cover property, located in Pebble Beach, is presented by Judith Profeta of Alain Pinel Realtors. (See Page 2RE)

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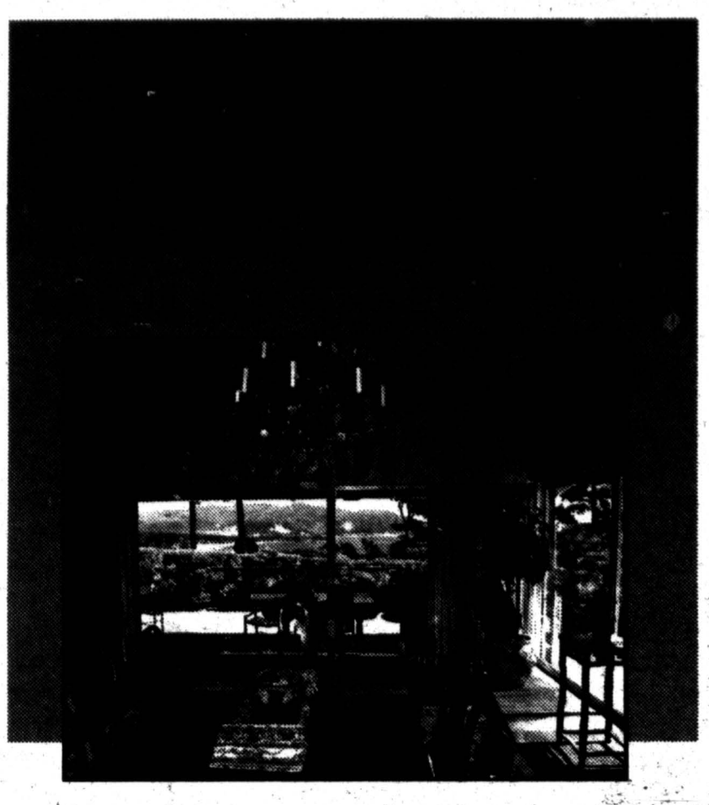

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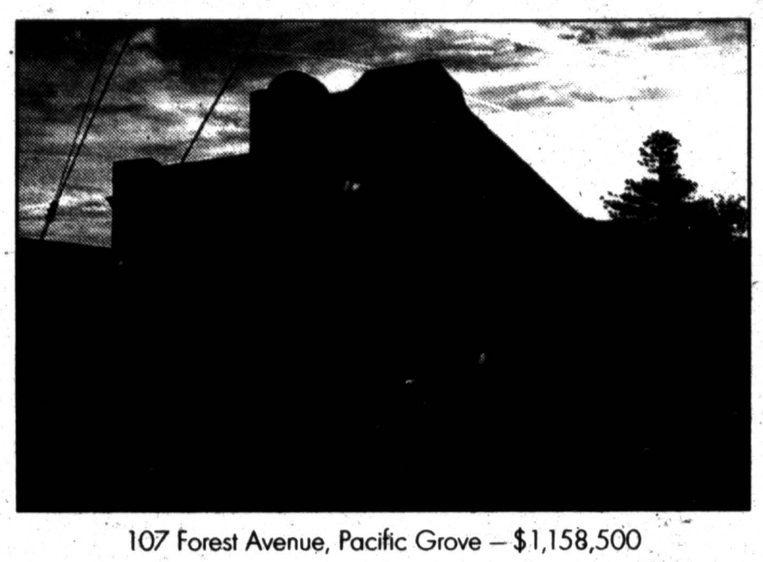

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There just isn't much ground in Carmel-by-the-Sea, so what there is is subjet to considerable dynamic action. The village itself is one mile square, though long and it spills over its borders with complete lack of ceremony into very attractive fringes which (without an offical map) seem part and parcel of the whole.

Carmel Point, for example, is an unincorporated area of 266 homes which could only have attained its distinctive character through long and close association with Carmel. The same might be said of most Carmel Woods, which is "in the county"; and Carmel Knolls, Carmel Views, Meadows, Highlands, Riviera and you-name-it. When one thinks of Carmel, he tends to include all of these as part of the family.

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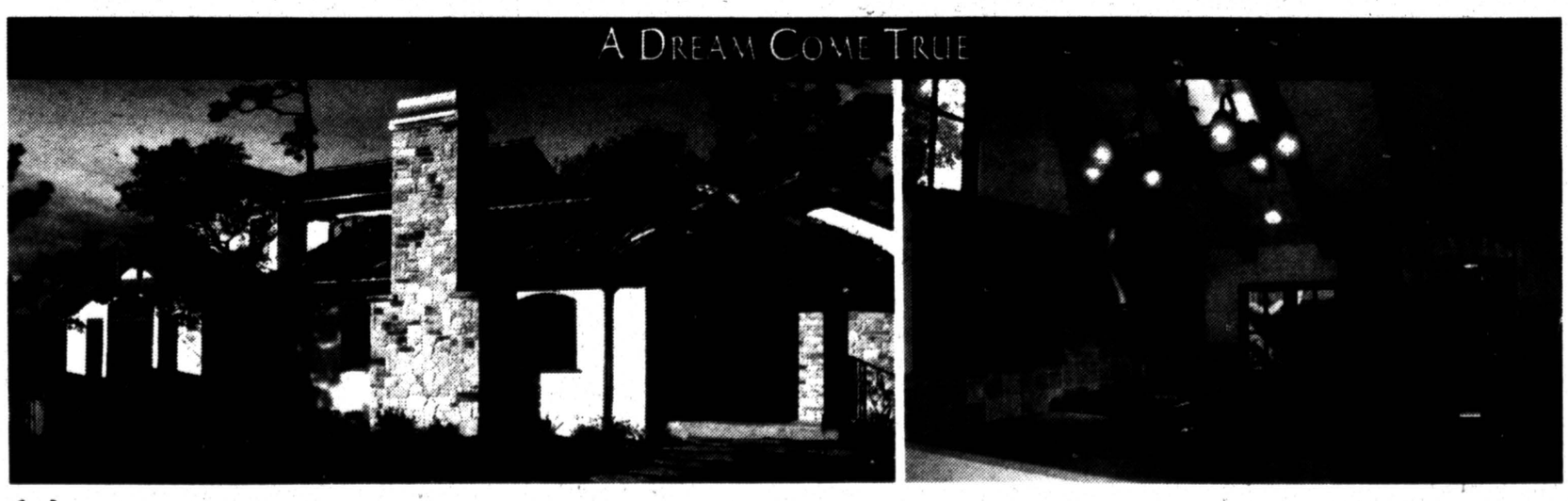
BRING THE CHAMPAGNE

As if a sculpture rising from the hillside this John Matthams designed home offers the fortunate owners expansive views from the Santa Lucia Mountains to Point Lobos, Carmel Bay and beyond to the vast Pacific horizon. This immaculate three bedroom, three and a half bath home offers a feeling of spaciousness and coziness all in one. The top-floor master suite has its own private terrace and ocean view spa. $2,150,000.

A DREAM COME TRUE



Mediterranean architecture' shared by the villages along the Mediterranean is now in Carmel where the two worlds meld together to perfection in this wonderful new home designed and built by Rik Sagin. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers the patina of the old world with 250-year-old Italian roof tiles, arched and beamed ceilings and hand-hewn alder floors, as well as the convenience of the today with built in plasma screen TV's, CAT5 wiring and a beautiful state of the art gourmet kitchen. $1,950,000

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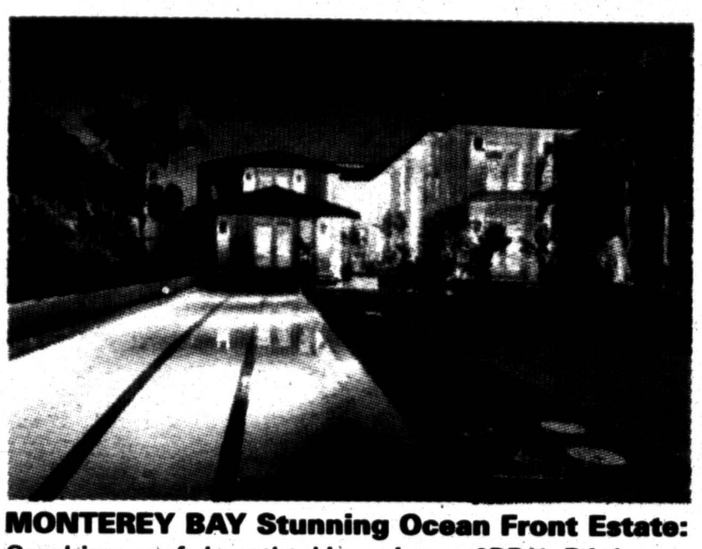

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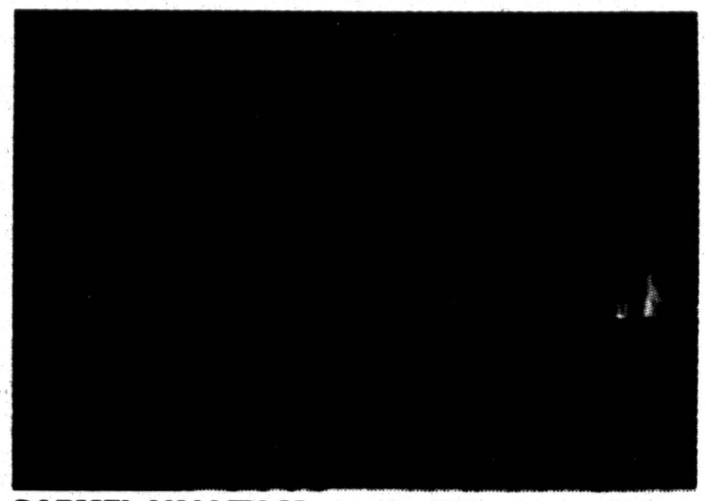
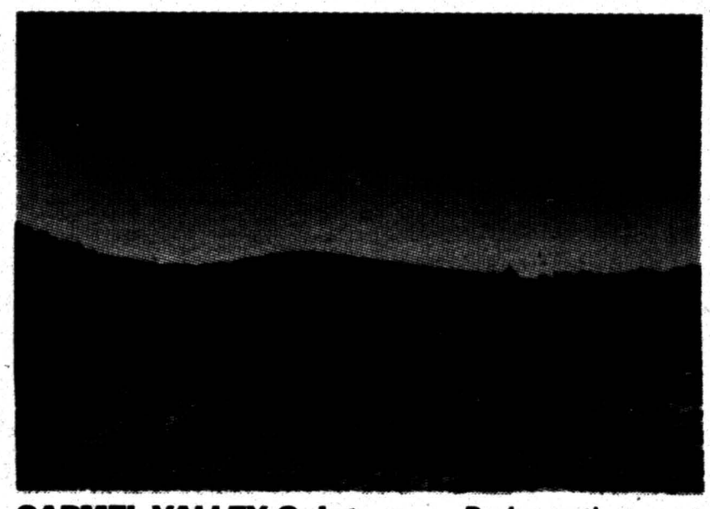
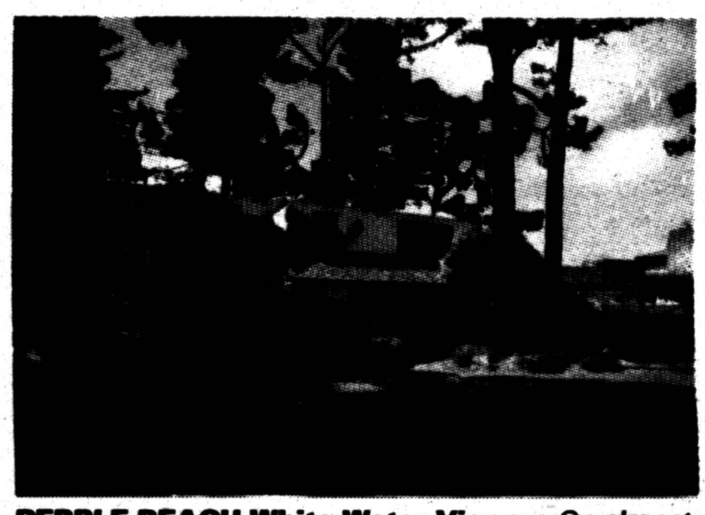


CARMEL VALLEY Mountain Hideaway: Views range from the Los Padres Dam Lake to the Big Pines of the Santa Lucias. Interior includes random plank, pegged floors, massive river rock fireplace & vaulted ceilings. 100 acres. $995,000. 831.659.2267

PEBBLE BEACH Shepherds Knoll: This light-filled 3BR/3BA home features ocean and city light views. Dining area opens to attached deck & 2 spacious master suites. Soaring ceilings, wet bar & fireplace. $995,000. 831.624.0136



CARMEL VALLEY Quintana: *Perhaps the most* private parcel, this 138 acre property offers easy access to Quintana's network of equestrian & riding trails. A quiet haven amongst the surrounding meadows & oaks. $1,650,000. 831.659.2267



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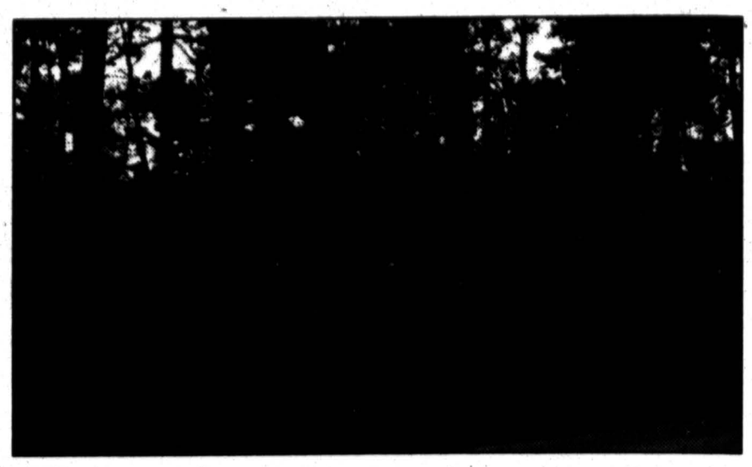
Maureen Smith to
Paul & Jill McFarlin
APN: 189-332-003

13 Arroyo Sequoia — $1,000,000
Rancho San Carlos Limited Partnership
to Donald & Irene McGovern
APN: 239-091-027

Los Robles Drive — $1,445,000
Yatindra Sahae to Randell Rickets
APN: 187-061-010

249 Nido Way — $1,615,000
Tom & Patricia Trovato
to Elaine Boddington
APN: 187-261-001



Forest Lake & Lisbon, Pebble Beach – $1,650,000

Monterey

254 Lerwick Drive — $685,000
Peter Fong to Paul & Karen Warfield
APN: 013-241-014

Upper Rasgdale Drive — $1,312,000
Community Hospital Properties to Terry & Vanessa Franklin
APN: 259-221-006

1169 Castro Road — $2,437,500
Robert & Donna Adams to David Awerbuck & Astrid Holberg
APN: 101-021-002/012

Pacific Grove

1305 Miles Avenue — $750,000
Benilda Tiongco to Steven & Kristi Hoffman
APN: 007-575-035

809 Maple Street — $850,000
Gary and Anne Bailey to Douglas & Julie Horner
APN: 006-632-020

208 Ridge Road — $874,000
Jacquie DePetris to Michael & Victoria Stilwell
APN: 006-361-019

Ransford Avenue, unit 8 — $950,000
Murray & Carol Smith to Robert & Kathleen Emerson
APN: 007-613-008

1289 Adobe Lane — $955,000
William Nevins to Thomas Fichera and Jennifer Nobles
APN: 006-731-008

816 Gate Street — $1,050,000
Denise Trinca to Robert Winter
APN: 006-692-005

107 Forest Avenue — $1,158,500
Eric & Julianne Newberger to Michael & Theresa Carey
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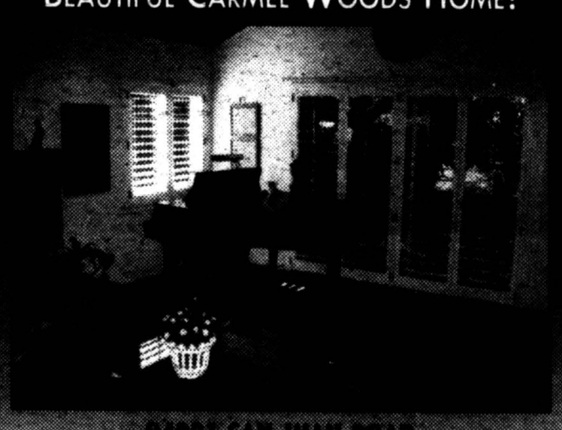

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POLICE LOG

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lance responded to a reported unknown vehicle injury accident at San Carlos and Fifth. Both units at scene. Canceled by CPD, no injuries.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: RP reported that he lost his digital camera in Carmel. The camera had wedding pictures on it. If found, please return to the police department.

Carmel Valley: Suspect yelled and cussed at patrons in a public place on East Carmel Valley Road, as reported by a 21-year-old female. No one desired prosecution.

Carmel Valley: A West Carmel Valley Road resident reported that two adult males acting as bouncers had been assaulted by a group of adult males while at a party at his home on Dec. 21. The victims sustained serious injury as a result of the beating.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three citations issued to drivers on Carpenter Street and on Ocean Avenue for violations of the California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed for

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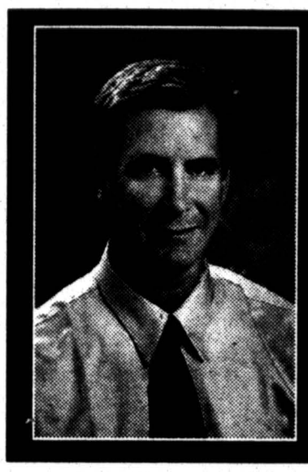

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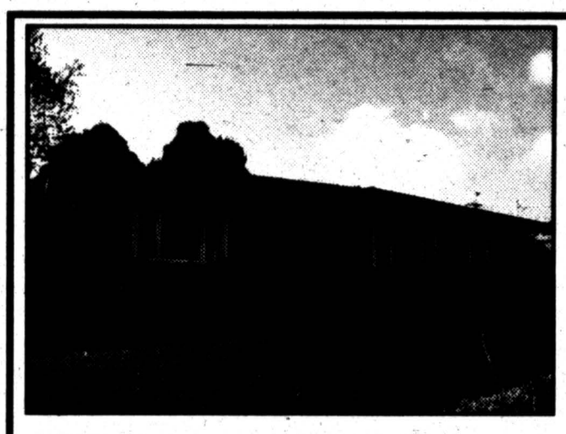

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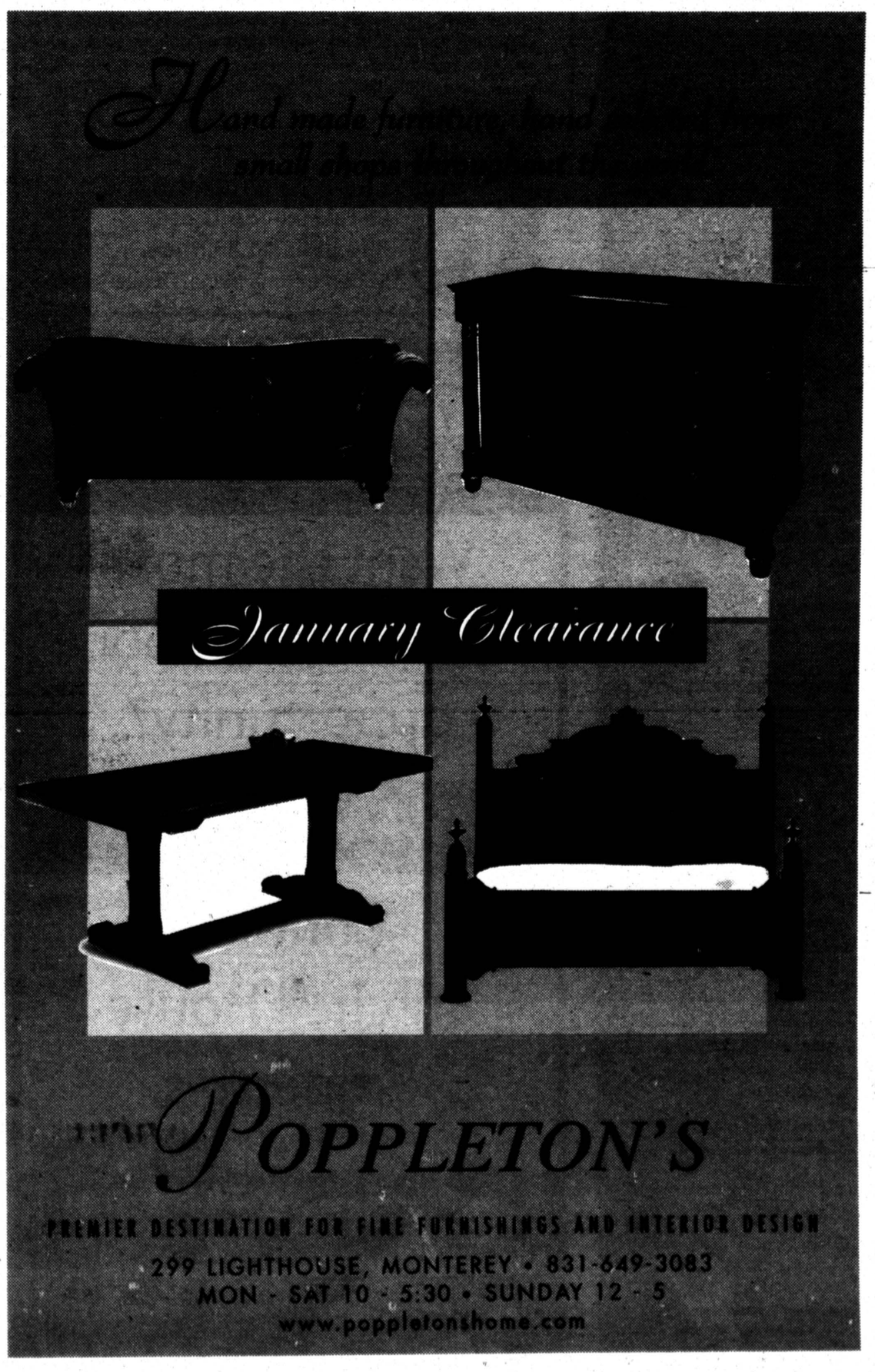
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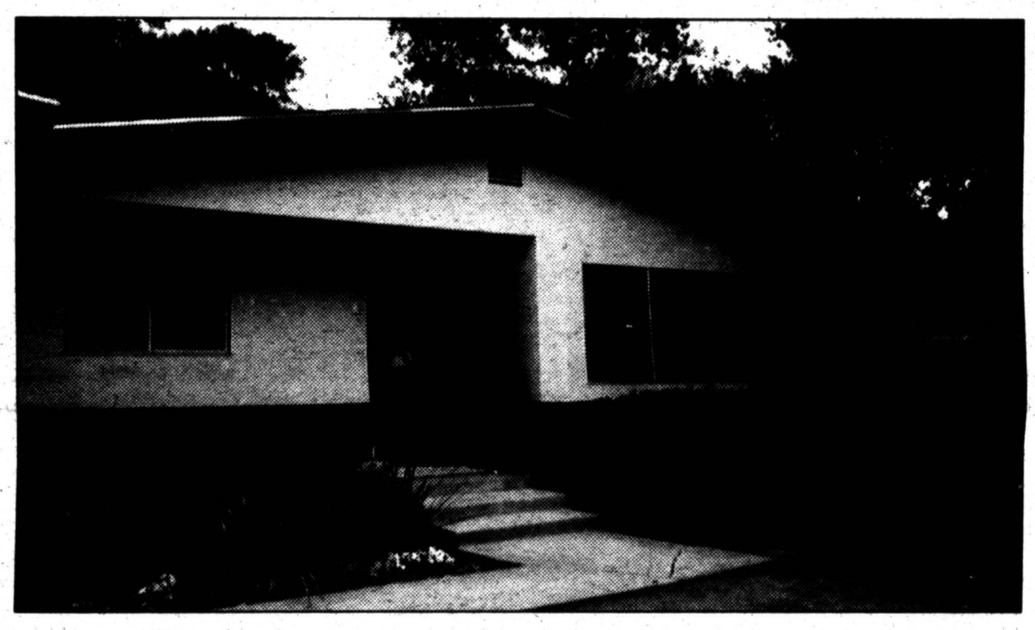

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172 16th Street — $1,350,000
Robert & Lori Curotto to Frank Permutati
APN: 006-166-003

138 9th Street — $1,545,000
Anthony & Glynis Greening
to Brant & Jacquelyn Carter
APN: 006-202-002

Pebble Beach

Forest Lake Road, SE corner Lisbon Lane — $1,650,000
Nicholas Corolis to Hyun Bin & Kyung Ja Oh
APN: 008-234-001

Viscaino Road — $2,300,000
Julene Hunter, Wendilyn Lane, Mary Leman, Elizabeth Kerrigan and John Hunter to Denny and Karen Levett
APN: 008-201-002

4038 Sunridge Road — $5,400,000
Drew & Kay Gibson
to Danny & Brenda Sullivan
APN: 008-171-018

Salinas

Schilling Road — $7,350,000
Salad Time LLC, a Delaware company,
to Bengard Properties
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Seaside

1174 Yosemite Street — $748,000
Lawrence & Ellen Brown
to Ali Dhanani & Rama Patel
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1141 Rousch Avenue — $789,000
Douglas & Julie Horner
to Gumaro Resendiz
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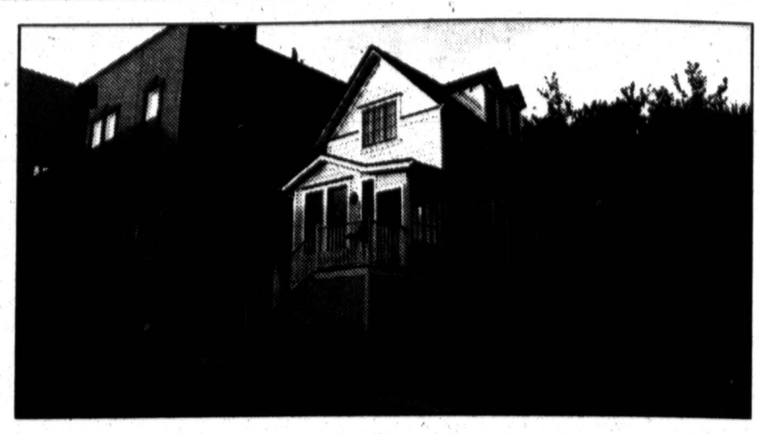

172 16th Street, Pacific Grove – $1,350,000

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39020 Metz Road — $832,500
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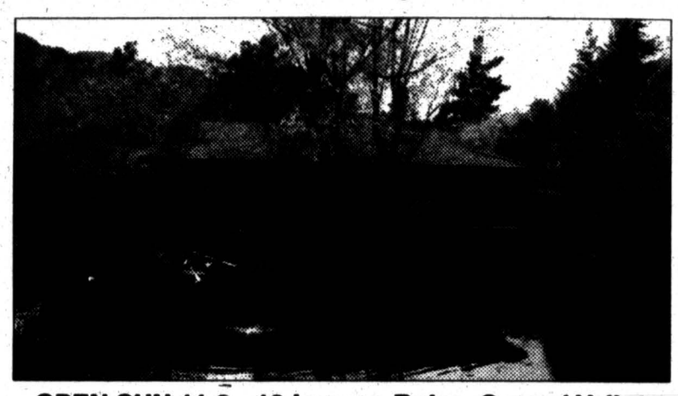

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blocking a driveway on San Carlos Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported the possible theft of two to four jackets from his Ocean Avenue store this evening. Reporting party stated he moved a rack containing multiple rain coats next to the entrance in hopes of selling them. Around 1830 hours, the RP stated he was very busy in another part of the store but noticed some of the raincoats were missing from the rack. RP stated he had sold one of the jackets moments earlier, which is why he remembers more jackets being there. RP saw no one walk out of the store with his merchandise and does not have a camera system. RP also stated the store does not have an accurate inventory of that specific jacket at the moment. There were two employees on duty at that time, and neither saw anyone take the jackets.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency at a church. On scene, crews assessed an elderly female who had claimed to have been choking on a mint prior to emergency personnel's arrival. The patient refused further medical treatment and signed a medical release with the ambulance crew.

Carmel Valley: A 37-year-old female Carmel Valley Road resident called to report that her grandmother would not tell her where her daughter was.

Carmel area: A person turned a found wallet over to Carmel Police Department. Wallet found at Highway 1 and Atherton, in the sheriff's office's jurisdiction.

Pebble Beach: Viscaino resident reported that someone spray-painted "The Game" on the outside of the fence where he lives.

Carmel area: Sometime between Dec. 19 at 1700 hours and Dec. 20 at 1400 hours, unknown person(s) slashed the fabric cover of a 1998 Ford Mustang in the driveway of a Segunda Drive residence.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three citations issued to drivers on Fifth Avenue, Junipero Street and Ocean Avenue for violations of the California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Officers received a 911 hang-up call from a location on Junipero Street. A call back produced static. Because the exact address was unavailable, SBC was contacted, and officers were able to get a name. Through the name, they were able to determine the exact location, and contact was made with the homeowner. Everything was fine, and it was determined that the phone line needed repair. The resident was somewhat confused as to how to contact SBC, so a relative was notified of the problem.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Ocean. Firefighters helped the ambulance crew with a female who had vomited after eating shellfish and passed out.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to a fire alarm activation on Franciscan Way. At scene, found the fire alarm was activated by cooking in a rental unit.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous RP wanted to report two dogs running loose in the area of Mission and Fourth. RP said she would attempt to hold onto the dogs until officers arrived. Both dogs were impounded at the police department. At about 1500 hours, the owner of the dogs arrived at the police department, and the dogs were turned over.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party came to the station to turn over a stray dog he found wandering in the area of Eighth and Lincoln. As the dog was being turned over, the owner of the dog walked into the station to report his dog missing. The dog was reunited with the owner.

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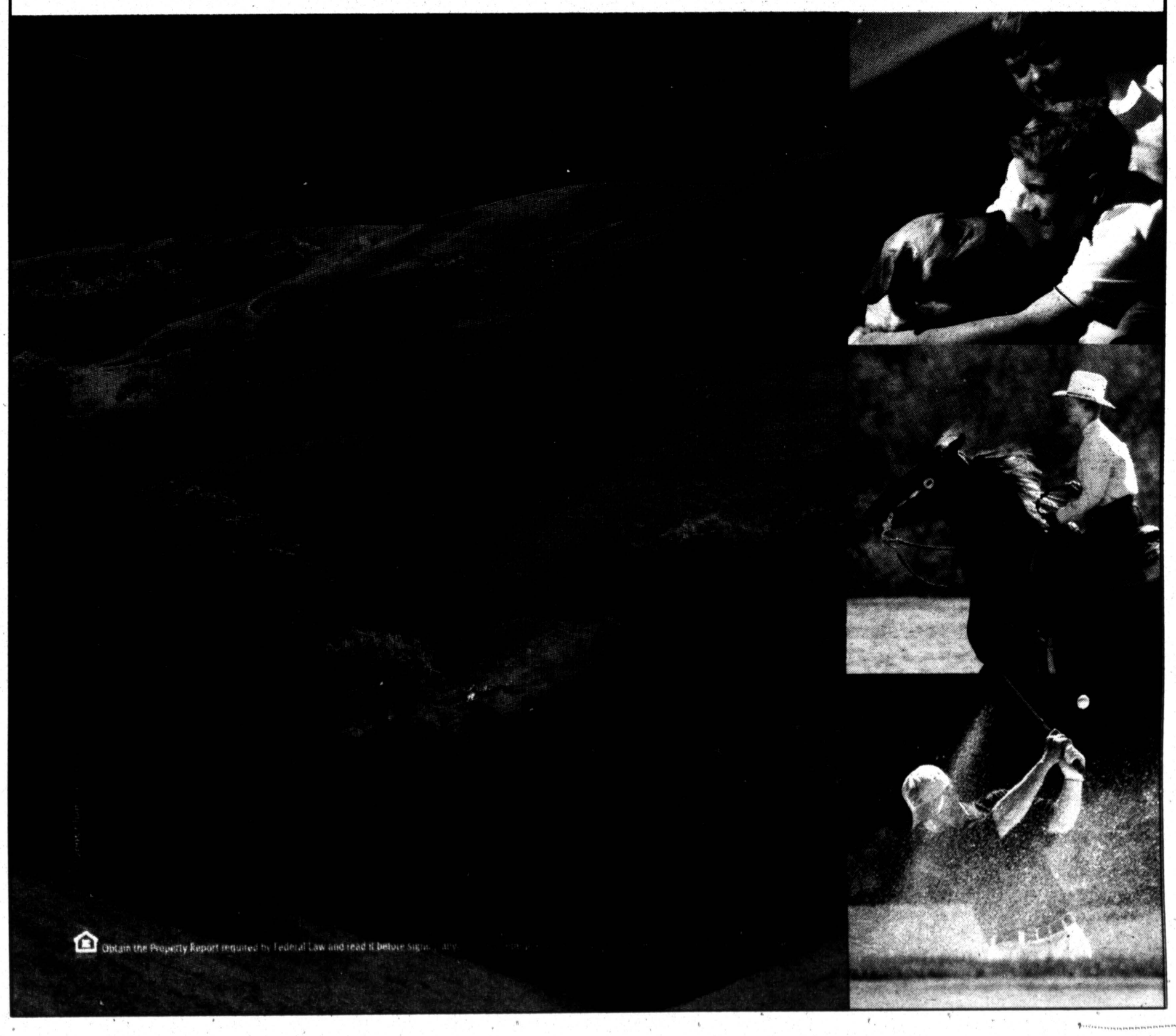

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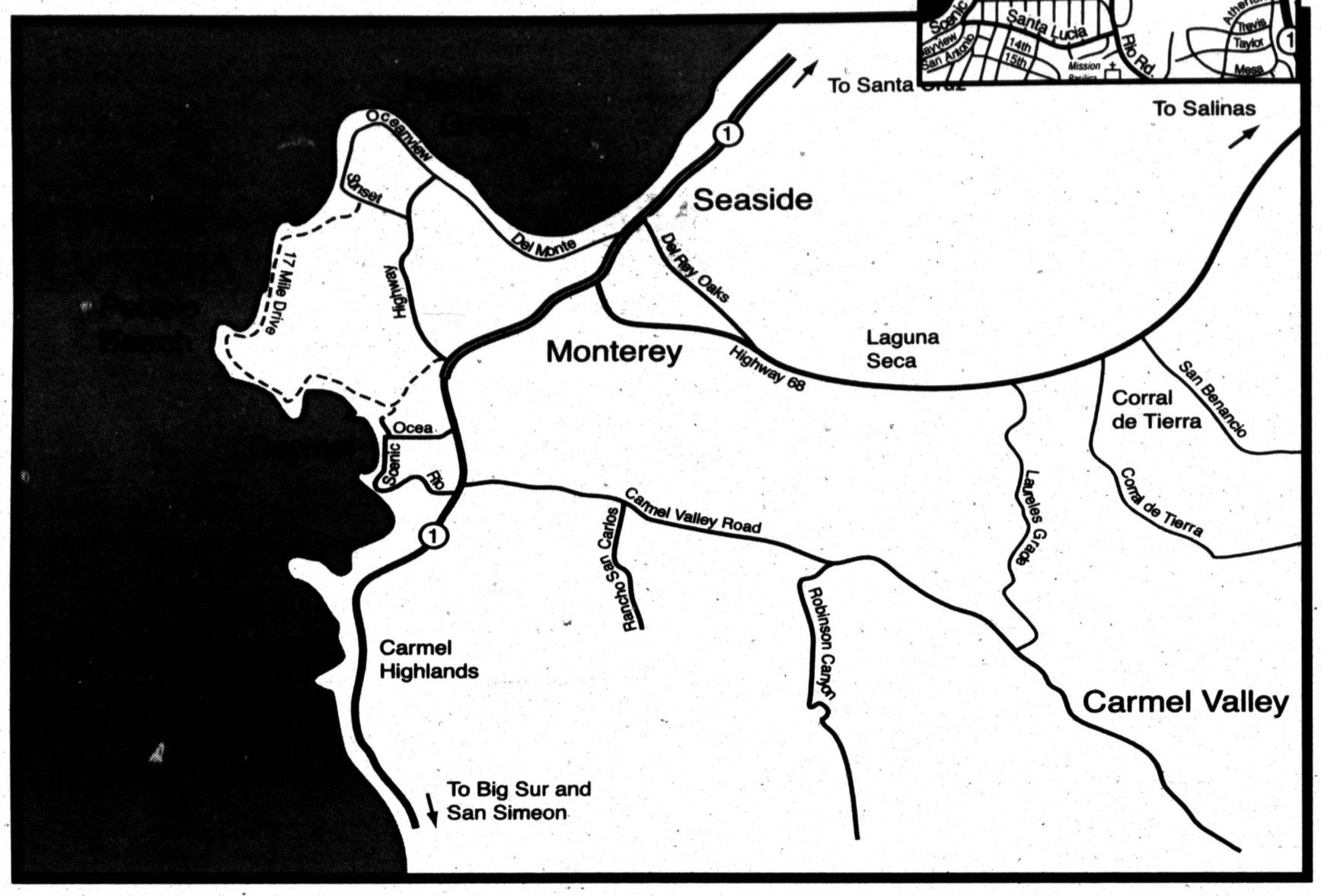

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$2,195,000 2bd 2ba		Su 1-4
SE Corner Torres & 6th		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
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24602 Camino Del Monte		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$2,500,000 3bd 2ba+gst.hse.		Sa 11-1 Su 1-3
25660 Shafter Way		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
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3420 Mountain View Ave		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		624-0136
$2,690,000 5bd 3.5ba		Su 1-4
24610 Castro Lane		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$2,725,000 4bd 3ba		Sa Su 2-4
24911 Outlook Terrace (R/C)		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		624-6482
$2,795,000 3bd 3.5ba		Sa Su 2-4
Monte Verde 3 SW 13th (R/C)		Carmel
Sotheby's Int'l RE		624-0136
$2,850,000 3bd 2ba		Su 1-3
24457 San Juan Road		Carmel
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$2,995,000 3bd 3ba		Sa Su 1-4
3 SE San Antonio & 7th		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$6,495,000 4bd 3ba		Sa Su 2-4
2600 Ribera Road		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

$1,629,000 3bd 2ba		Sa Su 2-4
153 Carmel Riviera Dr (R/C)		Crml Highlands
Sotheby's Int'l RE		624-0136
$1,975,000 3bd 2ba		Sa Su 1-3
82 Corona Road		Crml Highlands
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$2,990,000 4bd 4.5ba		Sa 1-3
21 Mentone Drive		Crml Highlands
Sotheby's Int'l RE		624-6482
$15,900,000 3bd 2.5ba		Sa Su 1-4
182 Van Ess Way (R/C)		Crml Highlands
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223

CARMEL VALLEY

$585,000 2bd 2ba		Sa 12-3 Su 2-4
79 Hacienda Carmel		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$749,000 2bd 1ba		Su 1:30-3:30
65 Paso Hondo		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2269
$825,000 2bd 2ba		Su 1:30-4
1 Woodside Pl (R/C)		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$895,000 3bd 2ba		Sa 2-4
74A Paso Hondo		Carmel Valley
Fouratt-Simmons Real Estate		624-3829
$909,000 3bd 3.5ba		Su 11:30-1:30
24 De El Rio Road		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$995,000 4bd 2ba		Sa 1-3
30 Camino De Travesia		Carmel Valley
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,175,000 3bd 3.5ba		Su 12-2
28017 Quail Court		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$1,249,000 3bd 2.5ba		Sa Su 1-3
238 El Caminito		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$1,250,000		Su 1-3
0 Miramonte Rd.		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,300,000 3bd 3.5ba		Su 1-4
28096 Barn Court		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,325,000 4bd 2ba		Sa Su 1-3
398 W. Carmel Valley Rd		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$1,394,000 5bd 4.5ba		Su 2-4
45 West Garzas Road		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$1,495,000 4bd 4ba		Sa 1-4
13370 Middle Canyon Road		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$1,495,000 3bd 2.5ba		Sa Su 12-3
25295 Tierra Grande		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,650,000 3bd 2.5ba+2bd 1ba		Sa Su 1-4
26175 Rinconada		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,695,000 4bd 3.5ba		Sa 1-3 Su 1-4
511 Country Club Dr		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$1,799,000 3bd 2.5ba		Sa Su 12-4
175 Chaparral		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,900,000 5bd 3.5ba		Su 12-3
625 Via La Estrella		Carmel Valley
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$2,895,000 3bd 3.5ba		Su 12-2
9930 Holt Rd		Carmel Valley
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$3,995,000 4bd 4ba		Su 1:30-3:30
25840 Elinore Place		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221

DEL REY OAKS

$515,000 1bd 1ba		Sa Su 2-4
722 Pheasant Ridge		Del Rey Oaks
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$599,000 2bd 2ba		Sa Su 1-4
130 Quail Run Court		Del Rey Oaks
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120

MARINA

$699,000 4bd 2ba		Sa 1-3
3135 Lelia Place		Marina
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

MONTEREY

$695,000 2bd 1ba		Sa 1-3
1068 David Avenue		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$979,500 3bd 2ba		Sa 1-3 Su 1-4
125 Surf Way #419		Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,099,000 2bd 1ba		Su 1:15-3:15
634 Grove Street		Monterey
Becky Jones		601-0237
$1,250,000 4bd 2.5ba		Su 12-3
1529 Josselyn Canyon		Monterey
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,279,000 3bd 2.5ba		Su 1-4
538 Grove Street		Monterey
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120

MONTEREY SALINAS HWY.

$975,000 3bd 2ba		Sa Su 1-3
24250 Pheasant Court		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$1,295,000 3bd 2.5ba		Sa 2-4:30
439 Corral de Tierra		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,365,000 3bd 3ba		Sa Su 2-4
431 Corral De Tierra		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$1,495,000 4bd 2.5ba		Su 1-4
11651 Hidden Valley Road		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Sotheby's Int'l RE		659-2267
$1,850,000 3bd 2.5ba		Su 1-3
422 Las Laderas Drive		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

NORTH SALINAS

$679,888 4bd 2.5 ba		Su 4-5
1025 Bison Way		North Salinas
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040

PACIFIC GROVE

$755,000 2bd 1ba		Sa 1-3
1113 Presidio		Pacific Grove
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$780,000 2bd 1ba		Su 1-3
227 Willow		Pacific Grove
The Jones Group		655-5050
$819,000 2bd 1ba		Sa 11:30-1:30
651 Spruce Ave		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
$850,000 3bd 2ba		Su 2-4
415 12th Street		Pacific Grove
Fouratt-Simmons Real Estate		624-3829
$885,000 2bd 2ba		Sa 2-4
235 Cedar		Pacific Grove
The Jones Group		655-5050
$889,000 2bd 1.5ba		Su 1-3
211 Lobos		Pacific Grove
Antonette Rappa		596-1890
$893,000 3bd 2ba		Sa 1-3
251 17 Mile Drive		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
$975,000 3bd 2ba		Sa 11:30-1:30
904 Beauford Place		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
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714 19th Street		Pacific Grove
John Saar Properties		625-0500
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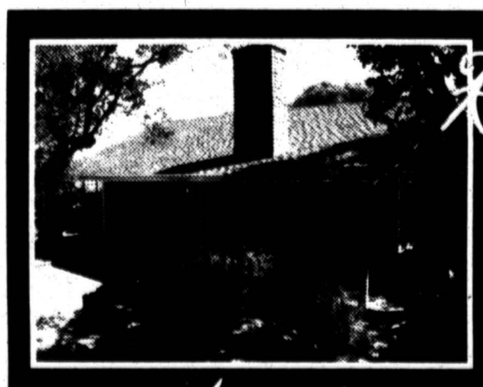
891 Spruce Avenue		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$995,000 2bd 1ba		Sa 1-3
934 Fountain		Pacific Grove
The Jones Group		655-5050
$995,000 2bd 1ba		Su 1-3
934 Fountain		Pacific Grove
The Jones Group		655-5050
$1,100,000 3bd 2ba		Sa 1-3
674 Cypress Street		Pacific Grove
Becky Jones		601-0237
$1,195,000 3bd 2.5ba		Sa Su 1-4
1116 Austin Ave		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
$1,295,000 3bd 2ba		Sa Su 1-3
515 Cypress Avenue		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,425,000 3bd 2ba		Sa 11:30-1:30
405 Monterey (R/C)		Pacific Grove
Sotheby's Int'l RE		646-2120
$2,499,000 4bd 2ba		Sa Su 2-4
877 Balboa		Pacific Grove
The Jones Group		655-5050

PEBBLE BEACH

$1,499,000 3bd 2ba		Su 1-3
1318 Chamisal Way		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222



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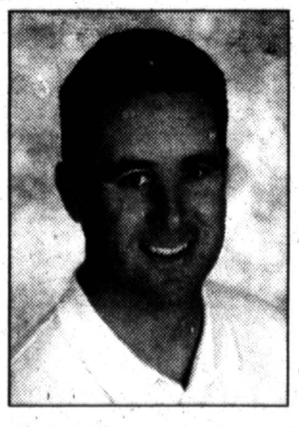

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$1,650,000 3bd 2.5ba	2958 Club Rd (R/C)	Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa Su 1-4 Pebble Beach 646-2120
$1,770,000 3bd 2.5ba	4147 Sunset Lane	Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Sa Su 2-4 Pebble Beach 626-2222
$1,850,000 3bd 2.5ba	3041 Strawberry Hill	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1:30-4 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,350,000 4bd 3.5ba	3025 Birdrock Road	Coldwell Banker Del Monte	Su 2-4 Pebble Beach 626-2223
$2,483,000 3bd 2.5ba	3138 Hermitage (R/C)	Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa 2-4 Su 1-4 Pebble Beach 646-2120
$2,485,000 4bd 3ba	4054 El Bosque	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 10-1 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,795,000 3bd 3.5ba	3088 Valdez	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-3 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$2,995,000 3bd 3ba	2873 Sloat	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 2-4 Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$5,495,000 3bd 2.5ba	1688 Crespi Lane	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 1-3 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$6,250,000 4bd 4.5ba	1207 Benbow	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sa 12-3 Su 1-4 Pebble Beach 622-1040
$10,000,000 4bd 5.5ba	3351 - 17 Mile Drive	John Saar Properties	Fri 1-4 Sa Su 1-3 Pebble Beach 625-0500

SOUTH SALINAS

$369,000 2bd 1.5ba	100 W. Rossi #1 (R/C)	Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa Su 1-3 South Salinas 659-2267
$524,900 3bd 1.5ba	26 Young Drive	Sotheby's Int'l RE	Sa Su 2-4 South Salinas 659-2267
$599,000 3bd 2ba	254 Harvest Street	John Saar Properties	Su 3-4 South Salinas 625-0500

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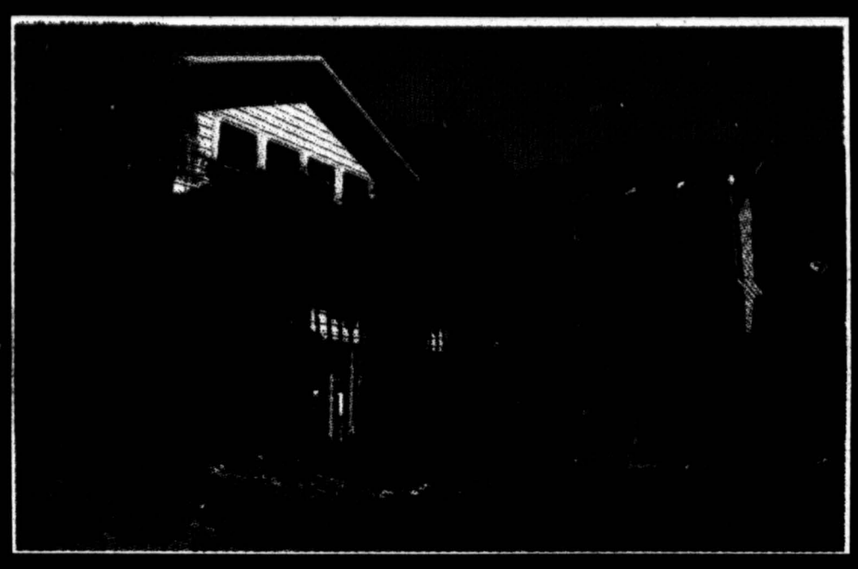

CARMEL VALLEY

Located down a private road overlooking Steinbeck's pastures of heaven, is this fabulous opportunity to relax in your own country estate. Behind the gated entrance awaits the main house, guest house, and horse barn. The home's floorplan is open and flows well for entertaining. Sitting on the back deck overlooking the property and surrounding hills gives a perfect setting for morning coffee or evening wine.

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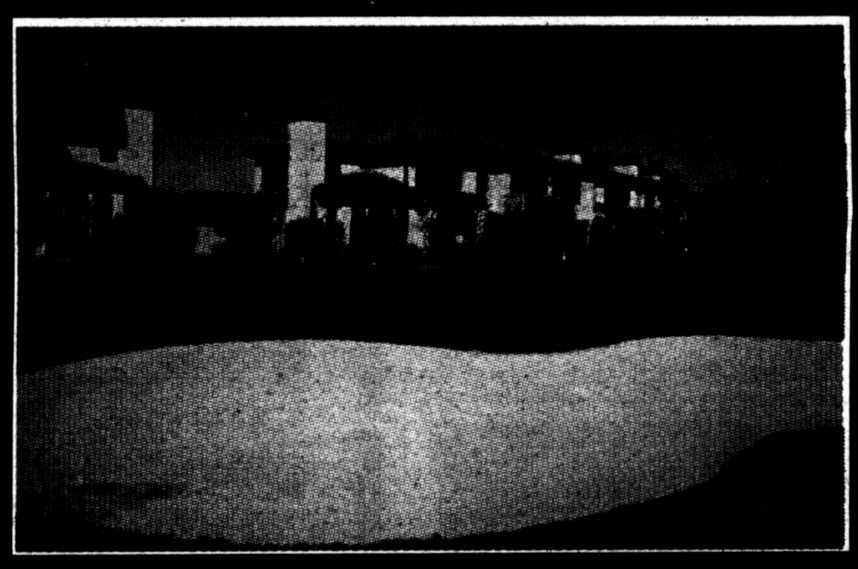
CARMEL

Nestled in downtown Carmel, this beautiful 2700 sf, 3bd/2.5ba, private retreat provides something for everyone – oversized lot, 2 car garage, right in town, close to the beach, private hot tub and a small creek that runs through.

Offered at $2,395,000



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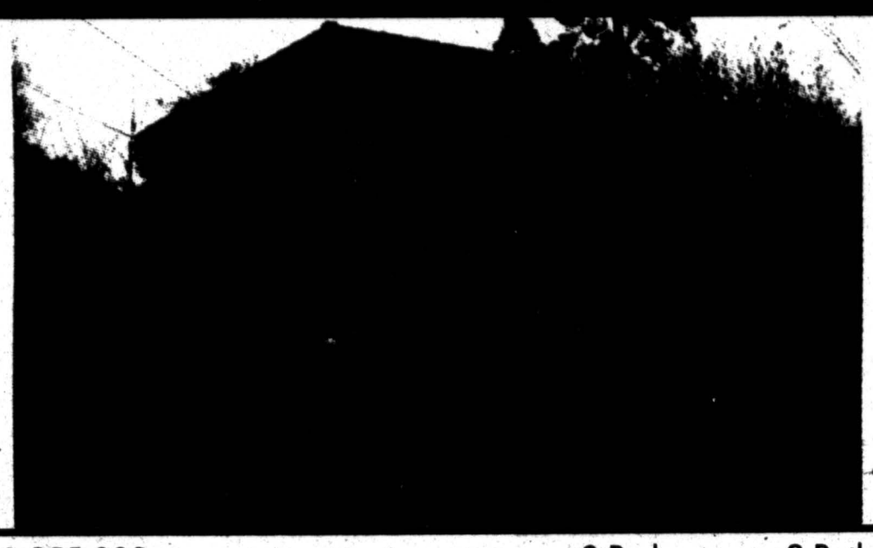

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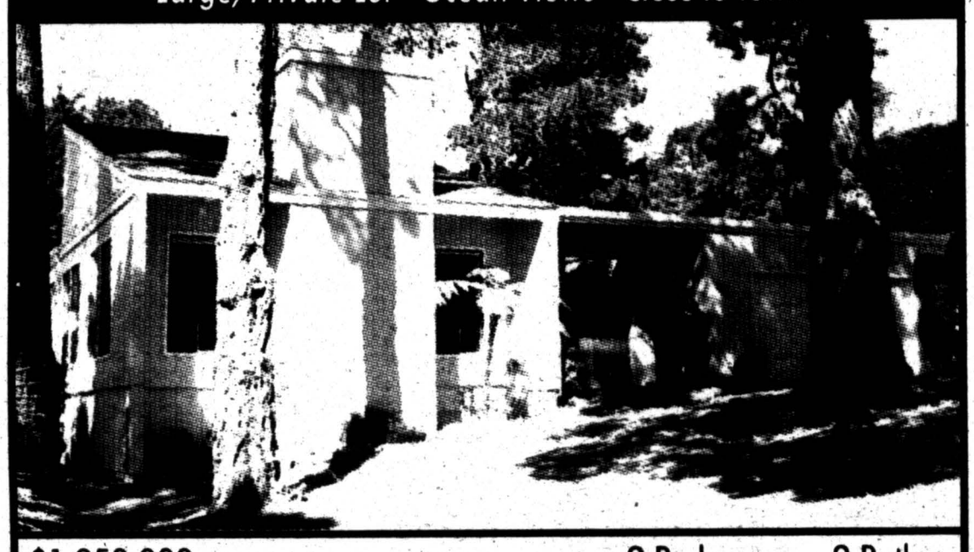

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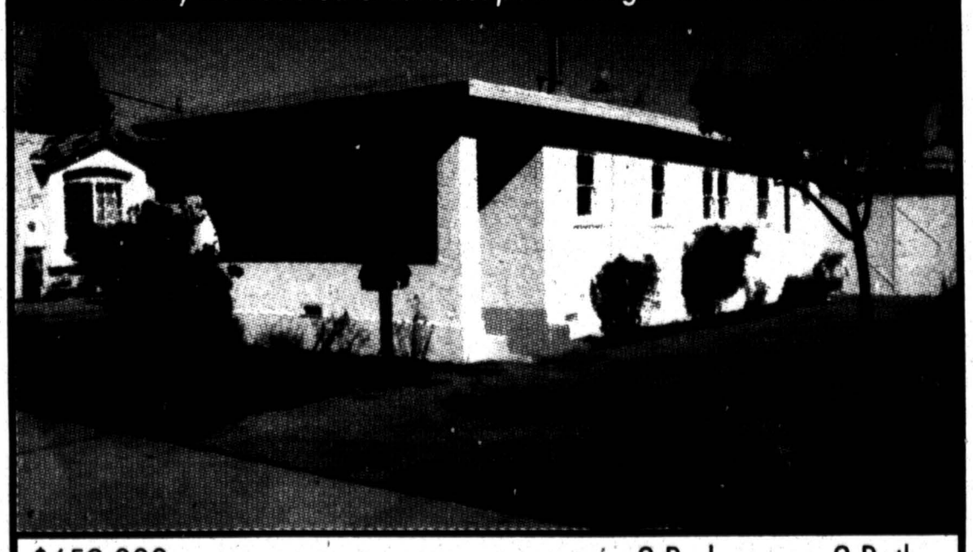

$659,000 3 Bedrooms 2 Bath

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POLICE LOG

From page 7RE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: RP reported three nights ago, there was a group of subjects in the courtyard of her business on Seventh Avenue. She yelled at the group, and they immediately fled the area. Yesterday, the RP arrived at work and found a small bathroom window had been opened and unknown suspect(s) stole a glass bottle containing fragrant oil. RP had no suspect information and requested the incident be documented for information purposes and requested a close patrol. Information forwarded to the morning watch units.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A pine cone fell on a victim's vehicle, causing the entire windshield to smash.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: RP wanted to report losing one of her earrings while walking in the business district. RP wanted to make a report in the event someone found the earring and turned it over to the police department. Report is for information purposes only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on public property on Rio Road resulted in injury.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Traffic collision on private property on Dolores at Seventh. Vehicle was drivable.

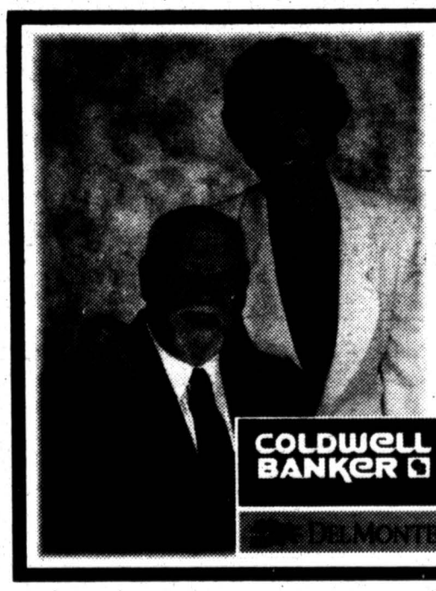
Carmel-by-the-Sea: RP report an unknown object lying on the walkway along the sidewalk of Scenic Road just south of Eighth Avenue. Officer arrived and noted the object was some type of Navy object that had markings indicating the object was possibly some type of flare. Carmel Fire Department was dispatched, and the area was closed off to vehicles and pedestrians. CFD arrived, and it was determined to be a used Navy flare. Based on a prior incident, it was learned that immersing the flare in water made it relatively safe. The flare was immersed in water and transported to the station to be secured. Contacted EOD via telephone, and he advised there was no immediate hazard and as a precaution, keep it immersed in water. He advised he would arrive on Dec. 31 to pick up the flare.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: State parole board was assisted in the arrest of a parolee at large in the area of Mission and Fourth. The male suspect, age 55, was identified by a state parole officer and located in a hotel room. He was transported to Monterey County Jail by Carmel P.D.'s detective.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A suspect, age 53, was dropping off his 6-year-old son at his ex-wife's residence. Both engaged in an argument that resulted in the mother grabbing the child out of the father's arms. Father grabbed his son back from the mother and intentionally jabbed his right hand, extended fingers, into the left side of the victim's neck, causing physical injury and pain. He was booked for inflicting corporal injury. Fire engine and ambulance responded and evaluated the victim. The patient signed a medical release form.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: RP on San Carlos Street reported getting two annoying/sexually explicit phone calls within the last month by the same suspect.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject on Dolores Street found a camera on his doorstep. He did not know whom the camera belongs to and turned it over to the police department.



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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Lasuen. At scene, firefighters helped ambulance crew with an elderly female who was having chest pains. Patient was transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to an auto-aid request for a structure fire at Del Mesa Carmel. Canceled upon arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to an electrical hazard at a restaurant on Lincoln Street. At scene, the P.D. had already unplugged the fan that had fallen in a sink full of water.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency at the Carmel Mission parking lot. At scene, checked out an older male who had fallen off his bicycle while avoiding a car. The patient complained of pain. The patient signed a medical release form.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Ocean Avenue. Crew checked out a male who had been choking while eating. The patient signed a medical release form and was not transported.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Currency found on Casanova Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A male driver, age 55, was stopped after being reported as driving recklessly. A subsequent search of his vehicle located under 1 ounce of marijuana. Driver cited.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed from Monte Verde Street for being a hazard due to a large amount of oil leaking from the vehicle. Fire engine and ambulance responded. Oil had leaked into the gutter and nearby storm drain. Mitigated the leak, contacted county health and laid out absorbent that was later picked up for disposal. All these actions were directions from the county.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party parked his car in the business area and went to a restaurant to meet with some friends. When he returned to the area where he had parked the vehicle, it was no longer there. He then realized the keys to the vehicle were missing. RP requested a stolen vehicle report to be filed. A be-on-the-lookout was placed for the vehicle. The vehicle was found an hour later parked elsewhere in the business area. The driver's side door was unlocked, and the keys were on the floorboard. The vehicle appeared fine, and no damage was noted. RP was advised and BOL was canceled.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citation issued to a driver on Carpenter Street for violating the CVC.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to a wire down on John Power Walkway between Camino Real and Casanova. P.D. on scene said there was a power line down somewhere on the walkway. Put yellow tape at both ends of the walkway and advised FireComm to notify PG&E.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and battalion chief responded to report of tree and wires down at Casanova and Palou. At scene, found a 21,000-volt transmission line. PG&E notified. The area was secured, and the nearby residents were advised to stay indoors.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and battalion chief responded to report of wires down at Torres and Ocean. At scene, found a broken TV cable line lying in the street. Secured the wire off of the roadway.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine responded to report of wires down and strange odor near a residence on Camino Real and Ninth. Unable to locate any hazards in the reported area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to a report of medical emergency on Carpenter Street for a female with breathing difficulty. Firefighters assisted the medics with the assessment and loading of the patient for transport to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Fire engine and ambulance responded to report of medical emergency on Sixth Avenue. At scene, found a woman in her vehicle who stated she had passed out in the arms of her daughter for a short period. She stated this happens frequently with her medical history. She agreed only to having her blood pressure checked and refused further care or transport to CHOMP. She read and signed an AMA release form.

Pebble Beach: A 49-year-old male reported that he lost his wallet while dining in a restaurant at the Inn at Spanish Bay.

Carmel area: A male San Juan Road resident, reported his live-in nanny, a 34-year-old female, had not returned home from a trip to San Diego.

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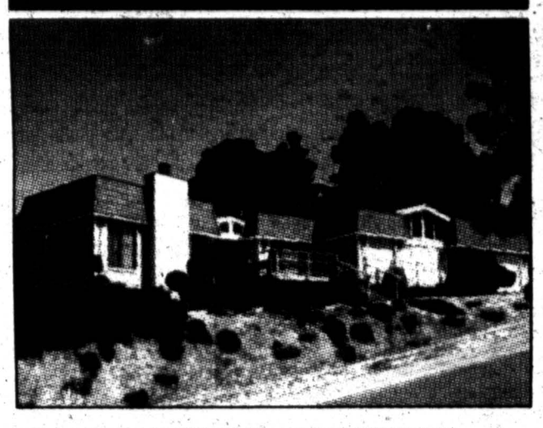


PREMIER SUNBELT PROPERTY! This spacious 2,850 sq. ft., 3-bedroom, 3-bath home is in the Carmel Views area on .5 acre, low-maintenance lot with canyon views. The master suite, with fireplace and deck, separate dining room, family room, & a large den. $1,349,000.

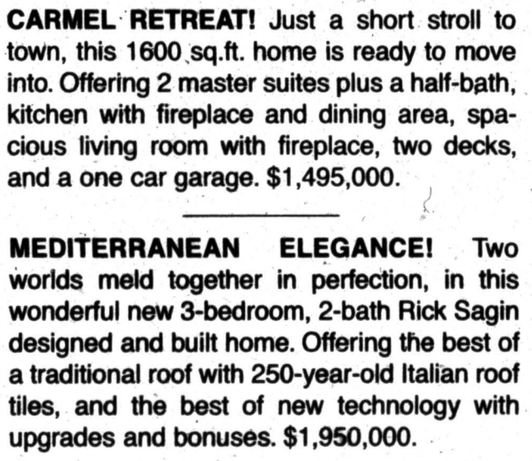
SPIRIT OF CARMEL! Cozy rustic cottage on a large lot with beautiful mature oak trees. The living room has a wood burning fireplace, built-in bookshelves, and a raised, open-beam ceiling. Also a fully remodeled bath and sunny alcove off the hallway. $1,100,000.

SWEETHEART COTTAGE! This warm and adorable, turn-key cottage is nestled on a large, beautiful lot in quiet, walk-to-town location. Cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, and bull-nose plaster walls and plenty of room for future expansion. Fully-fenced garden & deck area, and a 1-car garage with workshop. $1,195,000.

CARMEL RETREAT! Just a short stroll to town, this 1600 sq.ft. home is ready to move into. Offering 2 master suites plus a half-bath, kitchen with fireplace and dining area, spacious living room with fireplace, two decks, and a one car garage. $1,495,000.

MEDITERRANEAN ELEGANCE! Two worlds meld together in perfection, in this wonderful new 3-bedroom, 2-bath Rick Sagin designed and built home. Offering the best of a traditional roof with 250-year-old Italian roof tiles, and the best of new technology with upgrades and bonuses. $1,950,000.

"LA VILLA DULCE" Reflective of a French country villa with a touch of Tuscany, this approximately 3000 sq. ft. home offers 3-bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, 16th century fireplace, commercial-type kitchen, marble fireplace, and much more. On Carmel Point just steps from the beach. $8,600,000.



CARMEL CONFIDENTIAL This 3-bedroom, 3-full, 1-half-bath, eclectic abode envelopes you in warmth and California swank. The living room features an Carmel stone fireplace and kitchen enjoys cherry custom cabinetry. Master bedroom and guest room are in two separate wings of the home. $2,295,000.

Pebble Beach...

rugged coastline, breathtaking views and natural terrain.

Forest Retreat

Enjoy peace and tranquility from this 3-bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home of approximately 2,450 sq. ft. situated on a large lot in a beautiful park-like, forest setting. The sunken living rooms boasts a marble fireplace and vaulted ceilings. This multi-level home has a spacious floor plan and forest views from almost every room, new carpeting throughout, skylights, multiple walk-out decks and two-car garage. Close to everything... yet so private! $1,395,000.

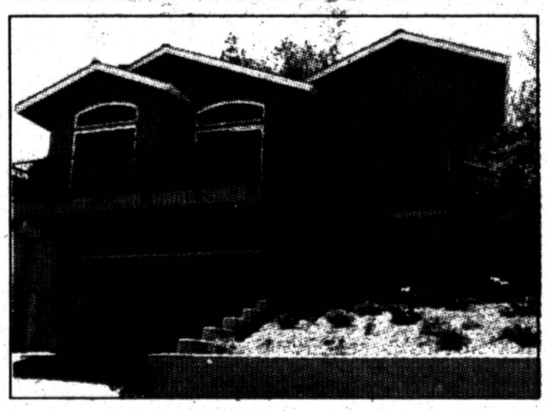
CARMEL VALLEY

SPECTACULAR HACIENDA! This new 9,000 sq. ft. Spanish hacienda estate at the Santa Lucia Preserve is on 19.9 private acres near the golf course and Ranch Club. Giant oak trees surround the property framing one of the most incredible panoramic views at the Santa Lucia Preserve. $7,950,000.

COUNTRY LIVING! On one acre near Quail Lodge, is this unique country retreat with three separate living areas under one roof with a total 6-bedrooms and 6-baths. The flexibility of this house, the 100-year-old barn, and a producing well make this an unbeatable opportunity! $1,695,000.

CROWN JEWEL OF SLEEPY HOLLOW! Gorgeous French country estate home of over 8,000 sq. ft. sited on 5.9 acres in a sunny, gated community. It offers 7-bedrooms and 6-1/2 baths, pool, pool house and separate guest quarters. This fabulous estate was completely updated and rebuilt less than three years ago. $6,300,000.

MONTEREY



MONTEREY BAY VIEWS! Glorious bay views from most major rooms of this stunning two-year-old, 3-bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home. The entry is styled with marble and oak, leading to an expansive living room with vaulted ceiling, raised hearth fireplace, and tiled balcony. $1,395,000.

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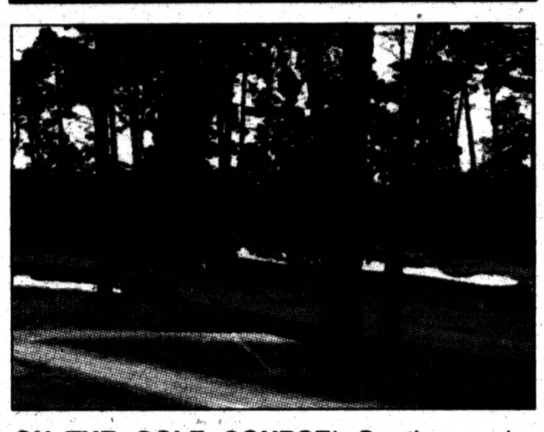
MONTEREY LUXURY! In a peaceful neighborhood, this 3-bedroom and 2-baths remodeled home offers simply the best. With warm plaster walls, designer lighting, and granite slabs in kitchen & baths. Fully landscaped with a pleasant Presidio outlook and two-car garage. $995,000.

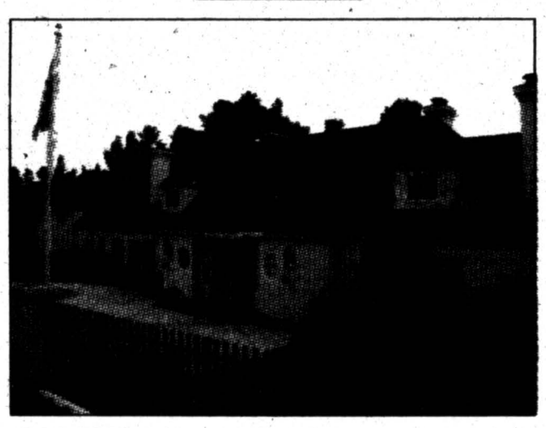
GOLFER'S NIRVANA! This 3,400 sq. ft., Mediterranean-style home in gated Pasadera features 2-bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, dramatic circular stairway, a granite kitchen, family room with fireplace, study, and dining room. The master suite has a marble bathroom and dry sauna. $1,850,000.

PEBBLE BEACH



ON THE GOLF COURSE! On the newly-designed MPCC Shore Course 2nd Hole, sits this spacious 3600 sq. ft., 3-bedroom, 3-1/2 bath, ocean-view home. Including a two-story foyer, large family room, and country kitchen opening out to a wrap-around deck. $2,395,000.

RARE GEM! This well-cared for 2-bedroom, 2-bath cottage sits on a beautifully landscaped 1/2 acre lot on a knoll in sunny upper Pebble Beach! Hardwood floors and floor to ceiling stone, fireplace warm the living room. Glass doors open to deck and pool. $1,195,000.



GRACEFUL LUXURY! A beautiful French Country Manor, on a lovely landscaped one-acre site in the estate area of Pebble Beach, has 4-bedrooms, 5-full and 2-half-baths plus separate guest quarters. Pool, spa, and two-story reception hall with marble floors. $4,950,000.

EXPANSIVE OCEAN VIEWS! Possibilities await you on this one-acre estate which is within walking distance of The Lodge. Situated perfectly on the lot to maximize the stunning Point Lobos and ocean views. Remodel, replace, or just relax, and enjoy the beautiful views! $5,495,000.

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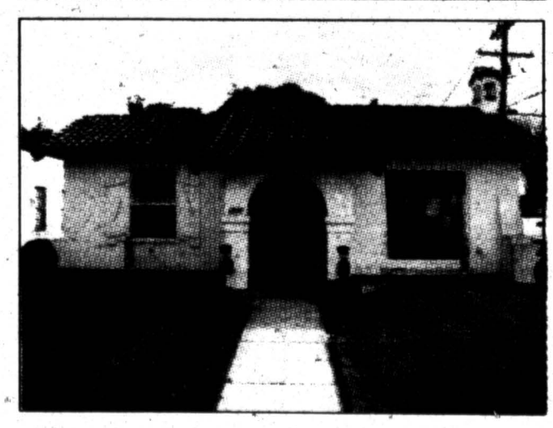

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